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HAMAS ACCEPTS EGYPTIAN-QATARI CEASEFIRE PROPOSAL TO HALT WAR

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh on Monday informed Qatar and Egypt that his group accepts their proposal for a ceasefire in Gaza

ISRAELI DELEGATION SKIPPED PEACE TALKS

Details of the proposal were not immediately released. But Egyptian and Hamas officials have said the ceasefire would take place in stages and Hamas would release hostages in exchange for Israel troop pullout from Gaza. There was no immediate reaction from Israel, which did not send a delegation to Cairo for talks, and is opposed to withdrawing its troops from Gaza

BALL IN ISRAEL'S COURT, MORE PRESSURE ON BIBI

- Hamas' acceptance of the deal is nonetheless expected to put pressure on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, especially if its proposes release of hostages held by Hamas in Gaza
- Also, it would make it more difficult for the Israeli government to justify a ground operation in southern Gaza's Rafah | **P11**

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PALESTINIANS IN RAFAH WERE ORDERED BY ISRAEL TO LEAVE THE TOWN

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More victims willing to file plaints against Prajwal

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THE noose around 33-year-old sex video scandal accused Hassan MP **Prajwal Revanna** is likely to further tighten as more victims are reportedly willing to file complaints against him.

The women officers, who are part of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by the state government to probe the alleged scandal, have identified more than 25 victims and have reportedly spoken to them. Of these victims, some are willing to file rape complaints against the MP if their identities are not revealed and protection given to them.

Two FIRs have already been registered against Prajwal. The first complaint was registered in Holenarasipur town police station, while the second one was filed at the CID police station in Bengaluru. The second complaint is more serious as the 44-year-old victim has accused the MP of raping her at his MP Quarters on RC Road in Hassan at gunpoint.

Some of the victims have orally provided details of the accused and the incidents to the officials. To tighten the case and to ensure that the MP does not escape, the SIT officials want more victims to file complaints against him. Statements made by the victims before the SIT do not guarantee punishment to the accused, but the FIRs will have a stronger impact, said a senior official.

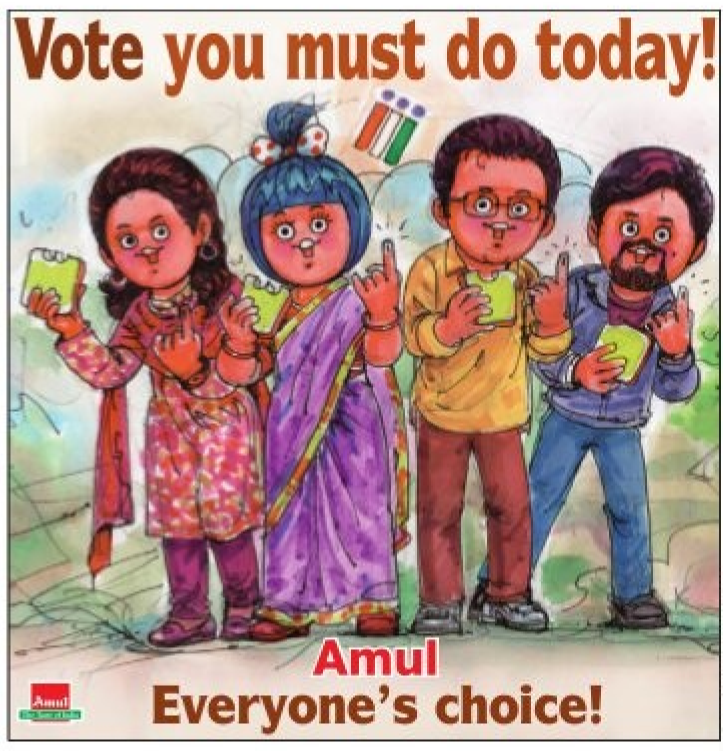
Meanwhile, the 47-year-old victim, who was the first to file a complaint of sexual harassment against Holenarasipur MLA HD Revanna and Prajwal, was brought to Revanna's Bengaluru residence in Basavanagudi near Ashoka Pillar for the spot mahazar.

A team of SIT officials brought the victim on Monday morning. **CONTINUED ON: P4**

> **The SIT officials did not let me inside the premises during the spot mahazars. I have been authorised to be present during the spot mahazars —** Gopal, an advocate

DKS BEHIND SEX PEN DRIVE LEAK: HASSAN BJP LEADER

Bengaluru: Deputy CM DK Shivakumar is behind leaking the alleged sex pen drives of Hassan MP and Lok Sabha candidate Prajwal Revanna, alleged advocate and BJP leader from Hassan, Devaraje Gowda on Monday. "I was offered a cabinet minister's post through LR Shivarame Gowda," he said. He alleged that Shivarame Gowda was the one who connected the call to Shivakumar. But he refused to reveal more details about the telephone conversation between him and the deputy chief minister. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said the state is not intervening in the SIT probe. "Devarajegowda's allegations are misleading," he added. **P4**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Stakes high for Kharge, BSY, NCP in Phase 3

BJP sees it as one of consolidation; 30-40 seats to witness triangular contests today

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR AND DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ New Delhi/ Bengaluru

THE electoral fate of half-a-dozen Union ministers and two former chief ministers will be sealed on Wednesday in the third phase of the general elections is 93 constituencies in 11 states and Union territories. The BJP sees the third phase as one of consolidation as compared to the first two phases.

Prominent among the heavyweight candidates in this phase are Union home minister Amit Shah in Gandhinagar, Union health minister Mansukh Mandaviya (Porbandar), civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya M Scindia (Guna), former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Digvijaya Singh (Rajgarh), NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar)'s Supriya Sule (Baramati), and Adhir Ranjan Choudhary (Berhampur).

In Uttar Pradesh, representatives of the Mulayam Singh Yadav clan are contesting in this phase — Dimple Yadav from Mainpuri, Akshaya Yadav, son of Ram Gopal Yadav, from Firozabad and Aditya Yadav, son of Shivpal Yadav, from Budaun.

In Karnataka, the last of the 14 seats will go to polls in what is being seen as a high-stakes battle for Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge. For, most of the seats are in North Karnataka, which is regarded as his home turf. The elections are equally important for former chief minister B S Yediyurappa, whose son Vijayendra is the state BJP president.

Prominent among those in the fray in Karnataka are former CMs Basavaraj Bommai (Haveri) and Jagadish Shettar (Belgaum), Union ministers Pralhad Joshi (Dharwad) and Bhagwant Khuba (Bidar), Yediyurappa's son Raghavendra (Shivamogga), and Kharge's son-in-law Radhakrishna Doddamani (Gulbarga SC).

According to sources, around 30-40 constituencies in the third phase will witness triangular contests, giving sitting Lok Sabha members a really tough time. Most of the sitting MPs are from the ruling BJP. **POLLS IN 14 K'TAKA SEATS TODAY: P6**

PHASE 3 FACTOIDS

93 seats for which polling will be held in 11 states/UTs

1,300 candidates including around 120 women, in the fray

11 crore people eligible to vote

- Entire Gujarat and Goa, **11 seats** in Maharashtra, **10** in UP, **14** in Karnataka, **7** in Chhattisgarh, 5 in Bihar, **4** each in Assam and West Bengal to go to polls

INDIAN OLY TEAM TO GET SLEEP THERAPIST AND PHYSIOS

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Mumbai

XCLUSIVE

THE Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has made elaborate plans to take a battery of support staff including a sleep therapist and a small army of physiotherapists to help the Indian contingent at the Paris Games. Unlike in the previous Games, they will also get a full-fledged recovery room. The advantages include cryotherapy chambers and ice baths to help athletes recover faster in their quest for Olympic glory.

"This year," Dinshaw Pardiwala, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the delegation, said, "the IOA took the decision to have a proper medical team like some of the bigger squads (Germany, US and Japan). What used to happen is our physiotherapists used to be there, we did have a physician who would help with services but we didn't have a full (medical) team. Whenever somebody had an injury, they would do an MRI and contact me here. But it's difficult to do it online."

Dinshaw Pardiwala, head of Centre for Sports Medicine at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Mumbai

The well-equipped recovery room will be a first-of-its-kind for Indian athletes. "When you are doing high-level sports, you require a full support system," Pardiwala, who has mended the bones of almost every medal-winning Indian Olympian in the 21st century, said. "Although the Olympic Village has a polyclinic and some physiotherapy services, it's difficult when you have 10000 athletes and 12 ice baths." He was very elaborate when speaking about the need for a sleep therapist in the modern world. At least some of it has to do with the Paris Games' desire to be carbon-neutral. "It's also going to be important because the Games have decided that they won't have air-conditioning in the Village as they would like to go green."

India, like some of the other contingents, are planning to take their air cooling units but the sleep therapist will act as a backstop in case this plan doesn't work out. "The process is going on, we have requested ACs. If that doesn't happen, we will have to manage our own air cooling systems. In case there's a heat wave, it will be difficult to adjust at the last minute. So, we have taken that factor into consideration also (to have a sleep therapist)."

Delhi L-G calls for NIA probe against Kejriwal

ASHISH SRIVASTAVA @ New Delhi

LIEUTENANT Governor of Delhi V K Saxena on Monday recommended a probe by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) against Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, citing an allegation that his Aam Aadmi Party received funding from the banned pro-Khalistan group, Sikhs for Justice.

The L-G's recommendation comes amid the Supreme Court's indication that it may consider giving bail to Kejriwal in view of the Lok Sabha polls.

In a letter written to the Union home ministry, the L-G said his recommendation is based on a complaint he received about the AAP receiving $16 million from Khalistani groups for facilitating the release of Devendra Pal Bhullar, who was convicted for his role in the 1993 blast in Delhi. The complaint mentioned by the L-G was filed by Ashoo Mongia, the national general secretary of the World Hindu Federation, referring to a video in which Khalistani leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun mentioned that the AAP took money from pro-Khalistani groups between 2014 and 2022.

Saxena also mentioned a letter written by Kejriwal to activist Iqbal Singh in 2014, saying his government has recommended to the President to release Bhullar. Hitting back, AAP called him a BJP's agent. "The BJP is losing all the seven seats in Delhi, hence it is upset," a senior AAP leader said.

K'taka to see robust monsoon

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

THIS southwest monsoon is expected to be a robust one for Karnataka. Experts have forecast a non-drought year and farmers are expected to harvest a bumper crop this time.

Karnataka faced 16 drought years between 2001 and 2023, and 2023 was the worst in the last 123 years. In 2023, the state recorded less rainfall, resulting in 223 of the 236 taluks being declared drought-hit. Added to this, most parts of Karnataka saw a dry spell from January to April this year. However, things are changing now with the state receiving some rain in May.

Former director of Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre Srinivas Reddy said the IMD has predicted 106% more rain this monsoon, which is more than normal across the country. It will be the same for Karnataka. **P5**

After 50 years, it's curtains for city's iconic Cauvery theatre

A SHARADHAA @ Bengaluru

CURTAINS have fallen on yet another iconic theatre, Cauvery, nestled in the bustling heart of Sadashivnagar in namma Bengaluru. The theatre, which played host to an array of films, including blockbusters spanning multiple languages over its illustrious history, shut down on April 19.

From the 30-week marathon of the Telugu sensation Sankarabharanam (1980) to the 22-week reign of the Bollywood classic Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (1995) and the 12-week saga of the Kannada film Premada Kanike (1976), starring Dr Rajkumar, the Cauvery theatre was a cultural hub for cinephiles from all backgrounds. Even Kamal Haasan's Indian (1996) graced its screens for over 100 days, alongside numerous other Kannada films marking a successful run till the last film, Kantara (2022), which enjoyed a successful 50-day run at its box-office.

Cauvery theatre being demolished to make way for a commercial complex | **SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA**

Inaugurated on January 11, 1974, with the screening of Dr Rajkumar's Bangarada Panjara (1974), the Cauvery theatre marked its 50th anniversary in January 2024, amidst fanfare and nostalgia. However, a decision made a decade ago ultimately sealed its fate. Prakash, who took the legacy of the Cauvery theatre, built by his father Narasimhaiah, reflects on the inexorable march of time and the harsh realities of a post-Covid world. **P2**

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• **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Chaitra • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Chaturdasi 10.45 am
• **Nakshatra:** Ashwini 3.02 pm • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 23°C | MAX 33°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Mostly cloudy.

Sunrise	05.56 am
Sunset	06.36 pm
Moonrise	05.00 am
Moonset	05.54 pm

108 ambulance employees to reconsider their strike

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THE 108 ambulance employees, who had chosen to halt ambulance services in the state starting from Monday at 8 pm, said that they will reconsider the strike after they meet the Health Commissioner, Randeep D on Tuesday at 1 pm, at Arogya Soudha.

Following the allegations by employees about unpaid salaries, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao assured the public that the government is prepared for alternative arrangements in case of an unnecessary strike by the ambulance staff, and affirmed that people seeking medical help need not worry. He clarified that the government has not withheld any salary arrears for the 108 health cover ambulance drivers and that they are paid fair wages.

"There are no financial issues within the government. To ensure the seamless operation of the 108 Ambulance Scheme for the financial year 2023-24, the finance department had allocated a sum of Rs 210.33 crores to the Health Department, and as per the agreement with the service providers, Rs 162.40 crores has been fully released to them from this grant," the minister said.

On Tuesday, the health commissioner will meet the members of the organization over the matter of salary payment concerns between GVK EMR and the drivers. "Rest assured. The public need not be concerned, as the 108 Ambulance service will continue without interruption, with the government ready to implement alternative measures if necessary," Gundu Rao affirmed.

Police try to clear the road for smooth flow of traffic as strong winds followed by rain brought a tree down on Vani Vilas Road in Basavanagudi on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

10.5 MM RAIN IN CITY: TEENAGER CRITICAL AFTER WALL COLLAPSE

Around 70 trees fall across city: BBMP; 33 areas water-logged: BTP

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A 17-year-old girl suffered severe head injuries while her mother sustained fractures when a portion of an under-construction building collapsed on them due to heavy rain and strong winds, in Bengaluru on Monday evening. The incident took place at Vaddarapalya, near Gottigere, in Konanakunte police station limits.

The injured have been identified as Kushi, a second PU student, and her mother Sonali, who works as a teacher in a private school. Police said a four-storey under-construction building next to their house collapsed around 6.15pm, when mother and daughter had come out to pick up drying clothes, as heavy rain had started. The hollow blocks of the parapet of the under-construction building collapsed on them. Sonali's husband, an auto driver, was not at home when the incident took place.

"The bricks fell on Kushi's head and she sustained serious injuries, while her mother fractured her hand. Neighbours rushed them to a nearby hospital before shifting Kushi to Nimhans, and her mother to Victoria Hospital," police said, adding that Kushi was not admitted immediately as there were no beds available in Nimhans.

BBMP Joint Commissioner, Bommanahalli, Ajith R said details are still being collected and the Palike is working with the police on this.

In another incident, an under construction wall collapsed in Bommanahalli region. However, no injuries were reported. BBMP officials said a team has been constituted for quick redressal of the issue.

MORE RAIN FOR NEXT 48 HOURS

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) recorded 10.5mm rainfall till 8.30pm, and HAL airport recorded 2.7mm rain. IMD has forecast rain and thundershowers, coupled with lightning, over Bengaluru and isolated places of South Interior Karnataka for the next 48 hours.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION ACROSS CITY

The city's traffic situation deteriorated and the BBMP control room received close to 70 calls regarding tree fall incidents within a span of two hours. According to officials, maximum calls were recorded from West Zone with 27 complaints, followed by South Zone with 16 calls and East Zone with 14 complaints. Six complaints were filed in Rajarajeshwari Nagar and three in Yelahanka until 8.30pm Monday. While the BBMP registered flooding only in Okalipuram, Bangalore Traffic Police (BTP) said they recorded heavy water logging at 33 locations in the city. "This caused considerable traffic congestion at several places, BTP is working round the clock to ensure smooth traffic movement. Temporary traffic diversions are in place," said Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MN Anucheth.

ICSE exam: City girl shines

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ICSE - Pass percentage	99.83
Girls' pass percentage	99.93
Boys' pass percentage	99.73
ISC- Pass percentage	99.49
Girls' pass percentage	99.76
Boys' pass percentage	99.18

THE Council for Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) on Monday declared the results of the Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE), 10th grade, and Indian School Certificate (ISC), 12th grade, examinations conducted across the country.

Students from Karnataka have performed exceptionally well. The overall pass percentage of ICSE students is 99.83 and that of ISC students is 99.49. The state's performance is better than the national pass percentage of 99.47 for ICSE and 98.19 for ISC.

Adrita Tripathi, the top scorer for Karnataka, is from Bengaluru's Greenwood High School with an overall percentage of 99.80. She scored 100 in Science, Arts, Maths and History with 99 in English. Adrita told TNIE that she did not expect such a high score, but she was confident of doing well in the examination. The daughter of a data scientist and an art teacher, Adrita said she also loves co-curricular activities and wants to pursue science in future.

"I love dancing and have learnt ballet. As school vice-captain, I have taken up several responsibilities. I have attended many state-level debate contests and won prizes. I believe extracurriculars give the much-needed break and also boost concentration while studying," Adrita said.

Girls have yet again outshone boys in both examinations in the state with a pass percentage of 99.93 compared to boys' 99.73 in the ICSE examination. Girls secured a pass percentage of 99.76 in the ISC examination. Boys secured a pass percentage of 99.18.

In all, 27,826 students appeared for the ICSE board examination. Of them, 14,039 were boys and 13,787 girls in the state. Of the 2,364 students who had appeared for the ISC examination, 1,098 were boys and 1,266 girls. In Karnataka, there are 51 ISC and 405 ICSE schools. Many schools in the state recorded a pass percentage of 100.

At the national level, 2,43,617 students appeared for the ICSE examination. Of them, 2,42,328 cleared it. The ICSE examination was conducted between February 21 and March 28. The ISC examination was held between February 12 and April 4.

'Chalakara Dina', a day to thank drivers

AKNISREE KARTHIK
@ Bengaluru

TO recognise the hardwork and dedication of thousands of drivers operating cabs, buses, autos and other vehicles round the clock, the Karnataka state transport department will soon designate a day for the driver community as 'Chalakara Dina' (Drivers Day). Drivers from organized and unorganized sectors will celebrate the 'Chalakara Dina' and those who have served exceptionally well, with zero accidents will be awarded.

"Discussions are on to narrow in on a date, and once the elections are over in the state and results are declared, we will decide and announce the day," told Additional Commissioner for Transport (Enforcement) C Mallikarjuna.

"Recently, the Karnataka Legislative Assembly passed the Karnataka Motor Transport and Other Allied Workers' Social Security and Welfare Bill, 2024 for providing security and benefits to drivers, garage and puncture shops workers, employees at water washing units and others involved in the transport sector. To generate funds for this, we are levying 3 per cent cess on transport vehicles and it will be used for the welfare of drivers and other workers in the transport sector. Along with this, we are working to dedicate a special day for the driver community as a Chalakara Dina," Mallikarjuna added.

President of Federation of Karnataka State Private Transport Association, Nataraja Sharma, said, "Like how every other profession has a day to celebrate, drivers too want their own day."

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Canara Bank cancer awareness programme

Bengaluru: Canara Bank organised a Cancer Awareness Programme - 'Awareness Today, A Cure Tomorrow' - aimed at spreading awareness about the various types of cancer affecting women. HOD, Gynaecological Oncologist at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Dr Pallavi VR elaborated causes, symptoms and cure, she emphasized on adopting healthy lifestyle to prevent the cancer. Canara Bank head office chief general manager Uday Sankar Majumder showcased and elaborated on Canara Angel, a nobel savings account for women. that provides free health insurance cover upto Rs 10 Lakhs for cancer care protection, personal accident insurance and complimentary health check-up.

Working hours extended to fix faulty streetlights

Bengaluru: Following multiple complaints regarding streetlights failing to illuminate the streets in the city, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, instructed the concerned officials to work from 10 am to 2 pm and from 5 pm to 8.30 pm to promptly address the issue. Investigation revealed that the contractor responsible for maintaining the streetlights failed to address the issue within the designated timeframe. Henceforth, all Superintendent Engineers, Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, Assistant/Junior Engineers and Contract Engineers are instructed, via an internal office memorandum, to carry out their duties within their designated areas said the BBMP chief.

No show for months & unable to cover expenses, theatre shuts shop

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"WITH time, we must adapt," says Prakash. "The pandemic dealt a severe blow to our theatre business, which has been the case with single screens. Despite screening films in multiple languages, empty seats became a common sight. Our final screening, Bade Miyan Chote Miyan, released on April 10, barely lasted a week, leaving us with meagre earnings of Rs 60,000. From January 2024, we had to deal with 'NO SHOW' boards. Over the last few months, we were unable to cover even our monthly electricity expenses."

Prakash also points to the rise of OTT platforms as a major factor in the theatre's demise. "OTT platforms offer convenience at a fraction of the cost," he explains. "Despite ticket prices ranging from Rs 150 to 200, audiences prefer the comfort of home viewing," says Prakash, who is now gearing up for a commercial complex, as he feels it potentially will help them earn tenfold of what they have earned so far."

Among the countless patrons who graced the Cauvery theatre, one name stands out -- Puneeth Rajkumar, says Prakash. "Puneeth, who stayed in Sadashivnagar, was more than a regular visitor with his family, and this theatre was often his other home. He would stroll in for the 9.30 night shows," he recalls, adding, "Puneeth had his own preferred box, where he enjoyed watching every film."

Though its physical presence may fade, the spirit of Cauvery will endure in the hearts of all who experienced its screen magic.

'Films can't pull 50 people'

Exhibitor and owner of Veeresh Theatres, KV Chandrashekar, says there is no option at all. Cauvery theatre, which once boasted of having 1,300 seats, later reduced the number to 900. However, the number of people coming to watch movies drastically dropped, becoming one of the main reasons for its closure.

Explaining about the shift in cinema consumption, he says while single screens like Cauvery could only screen one Hindi or Kannada film at a time, multiplexes offer a variety of languages under one roof. "Multiplexes can shift screens to running films, unlike single theatres," he adds.

Chandrashekar also highlights the bureaucracy involved in cinema construction compared to commercial complexes.

"Cinema requires approval from six authorities, while a commercial complex needs only BBMP's permission," he observes.

Reflecting on Cauvery's past glory, Chandrashekar questions, "Despite once attracting at least 5,000 people on a daily basis in five shows, today's films fail to draw even 50 people in any show. How can it sustain?"

However, Chandrashekar offers a glimmer of hope, mentioning Prakash Narasimhaiah's plans to convert Cauvery into a commercial venture with a multiplex on top, but it may take time.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

07th May : An energetic Moon sets the scene for a lively day, and we can all set our sights on distant objectives - in our own individual ways, of course. My feeling is that it's right and proper for every one of us to try and make the most of our lives, and I'll take almost any astrological alignment as an excuse!

ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Recent career upheavals could still prove a trifle disappointing for many of you, but that's precisely why this is a good time for looking at past mistakes and making sure they never happen again. Besides, a friend needs your advice. Perhaps social outings could offer a distraction from more serious concerns.

TAURUS
(Apr. 21 - May 21)
You can only progress by off-loading certain responsibilities. One of your leading current planetary cycles was known in ancient times for bringing seclusion and meditation, so don't feel compelled to join in events you'd rather ignore. Mind you, you might have to have some good excuses ready.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)
There is no point in hoping that imminent planetary aspects are about to remove your doubts, the simple reason being that doubts can be a very good thing! They are the warning signals sent by the sub-conscious to alert you to hazards ahead, so take heed.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)
Life is full of curious twists and turns. If you now continue on a straight course, you may run into a few difficulties. Be true to your sign and remain ready to duck and weave as circumstances develop and even reliable partners change their minds.

LEO
(July 24 - Aug. 23)
The overall picture becomes just that extra bit uncertain, but largely because the range of choice is now increasing. Although the solution to today's questions could be financial, take a look at your rights and make sure you're on solid ground.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It will be difficult for you to continue to ignore all those warning signals, mainly because partners will get more and more emo-tional if they feel they are not being listened to. You could try humouring people who are upset, and waiting until the stress level drops.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You're not convinced that partners know what they are doing, especially at home. However, bearing in mind that this is a moment to try out new ideas and experiment with domestic arrangements, be patient. You might even join in! At least you can offer constructive support.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
The Moon is still in a relatively supportive relationship with your sign, which means that the highs should be higher and the lows briefer than usual. You should pay special attention to all creative ventures, searching out ways to express your unique talents.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The accent is clearly on personal matters, and if you should suddenly discover masses of things to do outside the home, it could be that you're not facing up to reality. Actually, the solutions may be very simple. In fact, the answer may be staring you in the face!

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Place your own comfort and security above all else, because ultimately, unless you have a firm base, you won't feel free to develop your more adventurous schemes. And right now that's just what you should be doing. It may help to talk to people who have a more intuitive approach than you.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Sometimes it takes an enormous amount of effort to get yourself out of a rut. Yet that's precisely what you should be doing at the moment. The trap you're in, though, is almost entirely to do with your low self-esteem, and you must understand the ways in which this stops you doing your best.

PISCES
(Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Press on as hard as you can, realising that it is rare that insight and energy combine to such a high degree. However, there seems to be a lot of business matters to sort out, papers to sign and decisions to take, all of which could obscure your vision.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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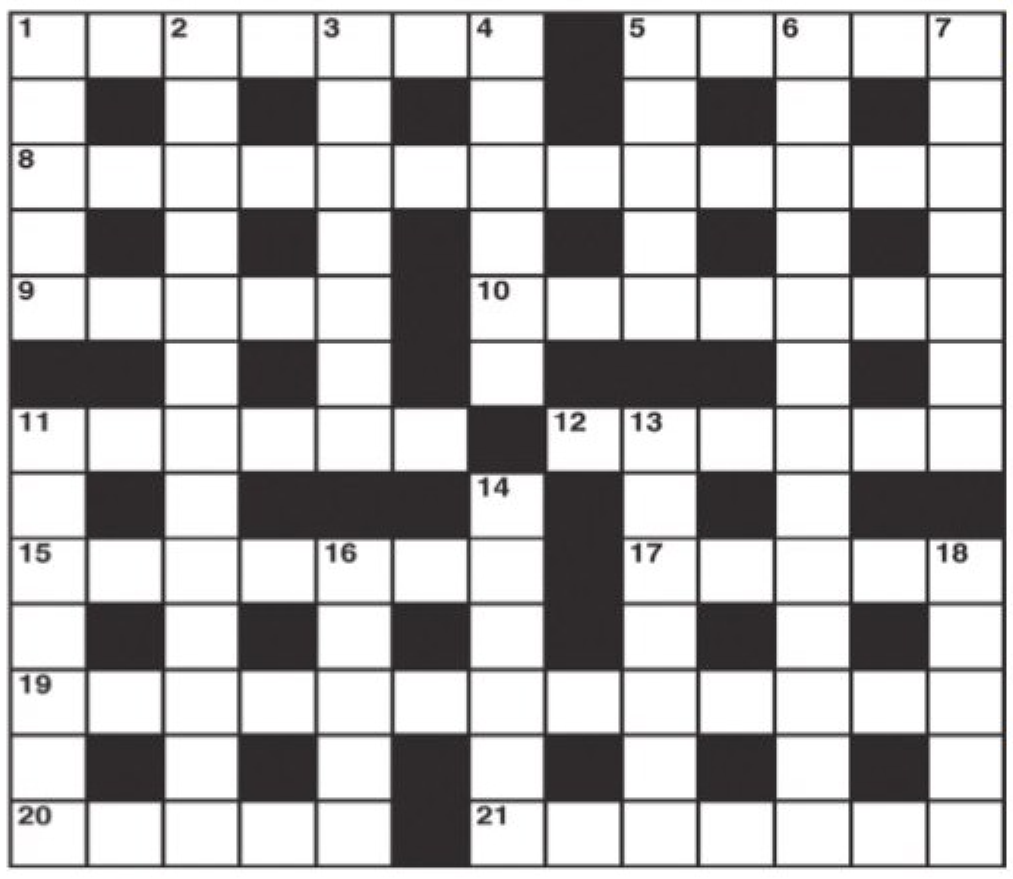
TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Come back under a new cover (7)
5 A number possibly tour round a royal house (5)
8 Suspicious affair the comedian is involved in? (5,8)
9 They may be used to make a stool (5)
10 Pan, you sound unusually silent (7)
11 Reluctant as ever perhaps (6)
12 Firemen use it though it may ruin the hose (6)
15 Revolutionary air followed by early motorists (3,4)
17 River heron that's wild (5)
19 The fish in a tin is bad but might come good (2,2,3,6)
20 Drags children around English capital (5)
21 For the record a woman has to call back (7)

DOWN

1 Source of pointless strife in a shipyard? (5)
2 With which one suffers a lack of balance (4,9)
3 Sly Sue's destroyed Joyce's character (7)
4 Obtain support with a beating? (4,2)
5 String can break in wet (5)
6 Wearing a gun? (7,2,4)
7 The governor takes in saint and criminal (7)
11 A flying start for the hitchhiker? (7)
13 Transport essential to some divers (7)
14 Is of one mind about grease (6)
16 Flower produced in great numbers in America (5)
18 Moral principle held by the thick-skinned (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Hedge, 8 Chop chop, 9 Jelly, 10 After all, 11 Smear, 12 Ass, 16 Orated, 17 Taught, 18 Dry, 23 Cramp, 24 Concerto, 25 Genoa, 26 Windfall, 27 Osaka.

Down: 2 Evermore, 3 Gallants, 4 Shifts, 5 Spies, 6 Cheap, 7 Spill, 12 Add, 13 Sty, 14 Quarters, 15 Shamrock, 19 Rattle, 20 Scowl, 21 Inane, 22 Reefs.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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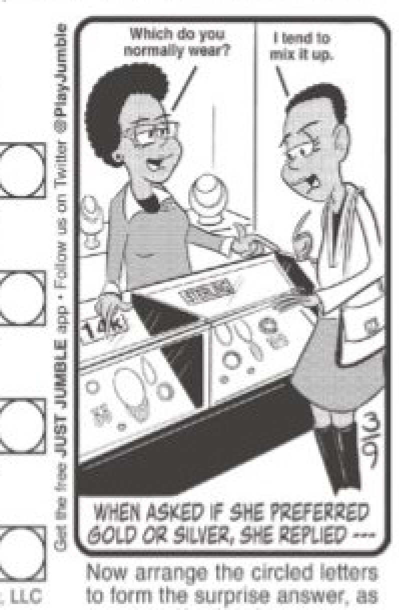

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Which do you normally wear?
I tend to mix it up.
14K
STERLING
WHEN ASKED IF SHE PREFERRED GOLD OR SILVER, SHE REPLIED ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ○○○○○○ "○○○"

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: UTTER BLESS HAIRDO SCRIBE
Answer: The thief pretended she was in love with her mark and then — STOLE HIS "ART"

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS
BENGALURU

The number of Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) cases has reached 98 in Uttara Kannada district this year, making it the highest number of cases reported in the last 10 years. As many as five deaths have been reported this year so far. The drought has also added to the spread of the disease

COURT ACQUITS ALL ACCUSED IN PU-II PAPER LEAK CASE

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE 14 accused people, who played with the future of thousands of innocent students and their parents by allegedly leaking the Second PUC chemistry question papers twice in 2016, escaped from the clutches of law because of grave lapses committed by the investigating agency, the CID, by not subjecting several relevant persons for interrogation and examining issues that cropped up during the investigation.

Acquitting all the accused after going through the evidence available and admissions made by the investigating officer (IO) with evasive answers during the cross-examination, Muralidhara Pai B, judge of the Principal City Civil and Sessions Court, said it may not be out of place to refer to certain grave lapses of the IO.

The court said that several students admitted that question papers were leaked and circulated through WhatsApp. But none of them recorded any statement before the court, supporting the contention of the prosecution that the accused had arranged training/tuition to answer the questions in the leaked papers. Even the lecturers, who had stated before the magistrate that they had trained the students on leaked question papers, turned hostile during the trial, stating that they had given the statements before the magistrate under the pressure/threat of CID police, the court added. It noted that one of the prime witnesses, Shivaprasad, was the first person to share the leaked question paper to the director of the Pre-University Board on Whatsapp. The IO has recorded his statement, in which he mentions several names including that of the principal and lecturers in spreading the leaked question paper. The IO, however, did not give a definite answer, but an evasive one, claiming that he does not remember this aspect, the court said.

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> - The court

The court said that primarily, the prosecution has failed to prove that the amounts seized from the accused are the proceeds of crime. Also, the CDR details or its analysis reports are of not much use in proving the guilt of the accused persons, in the absence of substantive material found against the accused persons. Even the CID could not lay its hands on a material piece of evidence to support the use of mobile phones and SIM cards, destruction of those phones, SIM cards and data cards containing the leaked question paper. The alleged voluntary confession statement made by the accused cannot be relied on as it was not certified in writing, as per Section 19 of the KCOC Act. The prosecution has failed to adduce sufficient and clinching evidence to prove any of the accusations, the court noted.

COOL SPLASH

A group of boys finds solace from the summer heat by going for a swim at Kensington Swimming Pool in Bengaluru on Monday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

EXPRESS READ

Suspecting affair, man attacks wife with stone

BENGALURU: A man attacked his wife with a stone during a quarrel, leaving her in a critical condition. The incident took place at their residence near Thindlu Circle on Sunday night. Kodigehalli police registered a case. The accused is Anil, a painter and a native of Madhugiri in Tumakuru. His wife Deepthi (28) works as a domestic help. The couple got married about 10 years ago and have two children. Police said the couple had frequent fights as Anil suspected his wife of having an affair. Around 8:30 pm Sunday, he attacked his wife with a stone, smashing her head after a fight broke out over the same issue. Upon hearing her screams, nearby residents rushed to her rescue and admitted her to Victoria Hospital. Police arrested Anil on Monday morning. Deepthi is in a critical condition with major head injuries, said Kodigehalli police.

Pepper spray indeed a dangerous weapon, case won't be quashed: HC

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NOTING that pepper spray is undoubtedly a dangerous weapon, the Karnataka High Court said that there is no determination by any law in India, with regard to pepper spray being used as a dangerous weapon. However, a court in the USA has held that noxious chemical sprays like pepper sprays are dangerous weapons, the court added.

Justice M Nagaprasanna made this observation while refusing to quash the criminal proceedings initiated against C Ganesh Narayan and his wife Vidya Nataraj, (associated with a private company), for a crime that is still being processed. The proceedings were initiated against them based on the complaint filed by an employee of the same company, Rajdeep Das, for allegedly attacking him with pepper spray, over a property dispute. The complaint was registered with the Commercial Street police on April 30, 2023.

Questioning the legality of the case, the petitioners' counsel argued that the petitioners were forced to use pepper spray in their defence and that is protected under Section 100 of the IPC. They had to do so, as Das and a security personnel attempted to interfere with the petitioners' property. Therefore, a complaint has been registered against them, he argued.

The counsel on behalf of Das argued that the right to private defence has been misused, and there was no threat or danger to the petitioners' life. And yet, Das and others were attacked under Section 324 of the IPC, using the pepper spray which is dangerous, he argued. The court noted that Section 324 of the IPC directs that whoever voluntarily causes hurt by means of any instrument for shooting, stabbing or any instrument of weapon which is likely to cause death would be committing an offence.

150 ill after wedding feast, 3 still in hosp

ENS @ Bengaluru

WHAT was intended to be a memorable wedding celebration turned into a horrible experience for about 150 people, who were admitted to hospital after consuming food at a wedding in Channapatna taluk of Ramanagara district on Sunday. All affected individuals had consumed food in the after noon and developed similar symptoms a few hours later.

Dr Niranjan BS, Ramanagara District Health Officer, said, "After eating, about 60 people in Ramanagara, 35 in Channapatna and 55 in Magadi developed symptoms of diarrhoea and received treatment at different hospitals on Sunday. While almost all the patients were discharged within hours between Sunday night and Monday morning, three patients continued to receive treatment at government hospitals, as of Monday," the senior official added.

Food and ice-cream samples that were served during lunch, were sent to a lab to determine, and reports are awaited, Dr Niranjan added.

New scam: Ambedkar Corpn MD's e-office letterhead, digi sign forged

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE e-office letterhead and the digital signature of the Managing Director of Dr BR Ambedkar Development Corporation Ltd have been forged. Sources said it has been done to show that the MD had sanctioned a subsidy of Rs 5 lakh each under the 'Airavatha' scheme to 17 beneficiaries of Scheduled Caste in Yadgir district.

The Airavatha scheme was introduced to enable educated and unemployed Scheduled Caste youth get a start as owners of tourist taxis in collaboration with Ola/Uber/Meru and help them earn an income. The corporation was providing a subsidy up to Rs 5 lakh per beneficiary. The applicants must be residents of Karnataka and should be in the age group of 21 to 50. They must have a light vehicle driving licence, and an annual income of less than Rs 5 lakh. The scheme was in force from 2018 to 2020. However, a fake sanction order dated April 3, 2024 was issued to the manager of the office of the corporation in Yadgir using the forged e-office letterhead and digital signature.

The incident flagged concerns as the scheme had been stopped. To check the authenticity of the sanction, one Siddalingareddy forwarded the order to the staff handling the scheme at the corporation's head office at VV Tower in Bengaluru. Suspecting forgery, the staff informed higher authorities and action was initiated to find out who was behind the forgery, sources said.

The forgery is a scam created to collect money from innocent 'beneficiaries' whose names have been mentioned on the fake letterhead, making them believe that they have been approved for the subsidy.

An official in the corporation said MD Praveen P Bagewadi has filed a complaint with Vidhana Soudha police who registered an FIR and the investigation is under way.

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NOTICE

Following Locker Holders are hereby notified that their repsective lockers will be break open on **17.05.2024** as per the laid down procedure of the bank, if they fail to pay the rental dues by **16.05.2024.**

Sl No.	SDV NO	Locker Hirer Name	Locker No	Rent Overdue
1	70415054636	Sudhakar I A	30	Rs.2,360.00

Place : Bangalore, Date : 06.05.2024 **Branch Manager**

TAMIL NADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION (TNCSC)
Head Office,
(Government of Tamil Nadu)
Chennai Metro Rail Limited, 35FV + 6GF CMRL Depot, Koyambedu, Chennai – 600 107.
Re E-TENDER NOTICE
Re E-Tender Reference No:ME5/50609/2021, dated: 04.05.2024

TNCSC a Government of Tamil Nadu organization invites e-tenders under "Two Cover System" from Private Players for setting up of Integrated Modern Rice Mills for handling the entire supply chain activities including hulling on Paddy Processing Agreement Basis in the following locations:

S.No.	District	Capacity	S.No.	District	Capacity
1.	Thanjavur I	500 MT/day	4.	Thiruvarur II	500 MT/day
2.	Thanjavur II	500 MT/day	5.	Cuddalore	500 MT/day
3.	Thiruvarur I	500 MT/day	6.	Theni	200 MT/day

The Tender documents can be downloaded at **www.tntenders.gov.in** from **09.05.2024.** The details of the tender is as follows:

1	Pre-bid meeting	17.05.2024 at 3.30 PM
2	Due Date & Time of submission of the tender	18.06.2024 up to 11.00 AM
3	Date & Time of opening of the tender	19.06.2024 at 11.30 AM
4	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.1,50,00,000/- for 500MT per mill and Rs.60,00,000/- for 200MT mill. The procedure for remittance of EMD is given in the Tender Document.

DIPR/1721/Tender/2024 **Managing Director**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of vehicles

1) TATAMOTORS - LP912_BUS
YOM – 2017 Reg No – KA479417
ENGNNO No – 497TC41FSY819270
CHASSIS No - MAT514004H7F08519
Minimum Reserve Price: ₹ 70,000/-

2) TATAMOTORS - LP912_BUS
YOM – 2017 - Reg No – KA479419
ENGNNO No – 497TC41FSY819639
CHASSIS No - MAT514004H7F08668
Minimum Reserve Price: ₹ 70,000/-

3) TATAMOTORS - LP912_BUS
YOM – 2017 - Reg No – KA479418
ENGNNO No – 497TC41FSY818421
CHASSIS No - MAT514004H7F08620
Minimum Reserve Price: ₹ 70,000/-

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POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas ,The under signed being the Authorised Officer of the **State Bank of India,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules"), issued a Demand Notice dated **23.11.2023** calling upon the **borrower : (1) Smt. Bindu Narayanaswamy,** D/o. Sri B.M. Narayanaswamy, No. 116, 3rd Main, Near Shikaripalya, Siraj Layout, Kanappanna Agrahara, Bengaluru-560100, **Also at :** Smt. Bindu Narayanaswamy, D/o. Sri B.M. Narayanaswamy, Flat No. 302, 3rd Floor, Ushodaya Pallavi, Belathur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru, Also at : Smt. Bindu Narayanaswamy, D/o. Sri B.M. Narayanaswamy, C/o. Accenture, Bang 7, Tower-C, Ecospace, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560103 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 77,86,615/-** (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen only) as on 22.11.2023 and interest from 23.11.2023 and other charges and costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The accounts have been transferred from RACPC Malleshwaram Branch, Bengaluru to SARB Bengaluru, for administration reasons and hence the undersigned is competent to issue the notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **02.05.2024.**

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs. 81,09,789/-** (Rupees Eighty One Lakh Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Nine only) as on 24.04.2024 and interest from 25.04.2024 and other charges and costs thereon till the date of realization of dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Schedule 'A' Property : All that part and parcel of immovable Property bearing converted Sy. No. 62/3, measuring 28 Guntas, presently bearing Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike No. 1104, (Converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No. ALN(E.B)(Ka) SR/39/2011-12 dated 23-08-2011, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner (Bangalore District)] situated at Belathur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, together with the rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface. **Bound : on the East by :** Government Land and Property belongs to Ayyappa Swamy Temple, **on the West by :** Property beongs to Sri M. Veerappa, **on the North by :** Government Road, **on the South by :** Property belongs to Sri Nanjappa Reddy.

Schedule B Property : 439 sq. feet undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property (Proportionate to the Schedule 'C' Property)

Schedule C Property : All that part and parcel of Residential flat bearing No. 302, in the Third Floor, measuring 1155.00 Sq. Feet Super Built up area, containing Two Bedrooms, together with on covered Car Parking Space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, Lobbies, Staircase and Lifts in the Proposed multistoried Residential Building constructed over Schedule 'A' Property known as 'Ushodaya Pallavi', Property standing in the name of Smt. Bindu Narayanaswamy, D/o. Sri B.M. Narayanaswamy. **Bound : on the East by :** Corridor, **on the West by :** Open to Sky, **on the North by :** Flat No. 301, **on the South by :** Flat No. 303.

Date : 02.05.2024
Place : Bengaluru.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
SARB, J.C. Road, Bengaluru.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Retail Assets Central Processing Centre. RACPC-4, White Field (17753)
No.117, Ground Floor, Neil Rao Towers, Road No. 3, EPIP Phase 1,
White Field Road, Bengaluru - 560 066.
Tel: 080-28411010/1020, E-Mail: sbi.17753@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

A/c No. HL 64072996816

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India, RACPC, Whitefield, Bengaluru** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **12.02.2024** calling upon the **borrower : Sri. Suresh Pawar** S/o. Sri. Bhuraram Pawar to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 17,02,939/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Nine Only) as on 07.02.2024. You are also liable to pay further interest from 08.02.2024 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/mortgager having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgager and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of the **State Bank of India, RACPC, Whitefield, Bengaluru** has taken possession of the property of **Sri. Suresh S/o Sri. Bhuraram Pawar,** in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002, on **04.05.2024.**

The borrower/mortgager in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs. 17,33,465/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Five Only) as on 21.04.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 22.04.2024 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon.

The borrower/mortgager's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description Of Immovable Property : Schedule A Property : All that part and parcel of the portion of the property bearing Sy No.17/3, Khatha No.384, measuring 01 Acre of land out 5 Acres 08 Guntas of land, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Pura Hobli, Old Bangalore South Taluk, now Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. The said property is converted as per vide Order No.ALN.SR(E).323/2004-05 dated 06.04.2005. The property was formely within the jurisdiction of K.R.Pura C.M.C, Bangalore at Ward No.14, now this property is within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and **bounded on : East by :** Road, **West by :** Remaining portion of the land in Sy No.17/3, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Road.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY : A undivided share, title and interest of 606 Sq. feet in the Schedule A Property in proportion to the Schedule C Apartment.

SCHEDULE C PROPERTY : Two Bedrooms Flat No.104, in Ground Floor, Block I of the apartment known as "I.J.ACACIA", with a total super built up area of 1,358 Sq. feet, along with one covered car parking space in the basement, the apartment constructed is of RCC structure, Ceramic flooring, Hone Wood Doors and Aluminum Windows, Ceiling and Walls between Apartment jointly belonging to such apartment owners equally including proportionate share in common area in the basement, standing in the name of Sri.Suresh.S S/o Sri.Bhuraram Pawar and **bounded on : East by :** Flat No. 106, **West by :** Flat No. 102, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Flat No. 103.

SCHEDULE C-1 PROPERTY : One Car parking space in the basement floor, the approach to which will be sustained as common areas attached to the ownership of Schedule C flat. The builders/owner will have the right to relocate the parking space to suit the general scheme of design and comfort of all the parties.

Date : 04.05.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
RACPC-4, Whitefield, Bengaluru.

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Assistant agriculture officer Anand (32) died while on election duty at Kodambal check-post of Chitguppa taluk of Bidar district on Monday afternoon. Anand was working as SST team leader at Kodambal check-post, and he died of a heart attack. Official sources stated that he passed away while being rushed to hospital

DKS MASTERMIND BEHIND SEX PEN DRIVE LEAK, SAYS BJP LEADER

Devaraje Gowda adds he was offered minister's post by deputy chief minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

Advocate and BJP leader Devaraje Gowda addresses a press meet in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar is behind leaking the alleged sex pen drives of Hassan MP and Lok Sabha candidate Prajwal Revanna, alleged advocate and BJP leader from Hassan, Devaraje Gowda, at a press conference in Bengaluru on Monday.

"The mastermind in the pen drive case is DK Shivakumar. I was offered a cabinet minister's post through LR Shivarame Gowda," he charged. He alleged that BJP leader Shivarame Gowda was the one who connected the call to Shivakumar. But he refused to reveal more details about the telephone conversation between him and the deputy chief minister.

He also expressed doubts over the investigation being carried out by the Special Investigation Team, formed by the state government to probe the sex scandal allegedly involving Prajwal. He alleged that IPS officer Suman D Pennekar asked him to delete his statement given to SIT against Shivakumar, but he refused. He also did not reveal the allegations made before SIT. He said either the CBI or a committee headed by a retired high court judge should investigate the case. He alleged that Prajwal's former car driver Karthik is being protected by Shivakumar.

Gowda said he feared SIT booking him as accused number 1 for circulating the videos as he did not accept the offer made by Shivakumar. He also alleged that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had called a meeting of police officers on Sunday and gave them directions as to who should be arrested.

Govt will not interfere in probe, says CM

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said the state government is not intervening in the SIT probe. "Devarajegowda's allegations are misleading. We will not spare any culprits, even if they are influential. Efficient officers have been picked for the SIT," he said.

"Devarajegowda has said the incident is damaging Modi's image. BJP should have thought about it before forming the alliance with JDS," he commented.

Devaraje Gowda's allegations baseless, says DKS

BENGALURU: Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Monday hit out at Devaraje Gowda, accusing him of lying on the instructions of BJP and JDS leaders. In a press statement, Shivakumar said there is no connection between him and the pen drive, and all the allegations against him are baseless and lies. He said that earlier, Devaraje Gowda, who is a BJP worker, had contested polls on the party ticket. "Now the BJP is in alliance with the JDS and this incident has caused embarrassment to the party. In order to prevent further embarassment, both the BJP and JDS leaders are trying to put the blame on me," he said. Further, Shivakumar added that earlier, the same Devaraje Gowda had stated that he had released the pen drive after taking permission of BJP leaders. "There is a conspiracy behind all this," he added. **ENS**

DELETE ALL CLIPS OF VICTIMS, PUBLIC TOLD

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by the state government to probe the alleged sex scandal involving Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna has advised the public to delete any video, audio and photos of the victims from their devices to avoid legal action. Storing of videos, images and audio clips of the victims attract action under the law. Transmitting such videos, images and audio clips are also punishable, stated a press note from the Chief of SIT, CID, Bengaluru.

REVANNA FILES BAIL PLEA

Holenarasipur JDS MLA HD Revanna, who has been arrested in a kidnapping case, approached a special court seeking bail on Monday. The bail petition of Revanna, who is currently in Special Investigation Team (SIT) custody, is likely to come up for hearing on Tuesday before the special court to try criminal cases against sitting and former MPs/MLAs. On Saturday, the special court rejected interim anticipatory bail and subsequently, Revanna was arrested by SIT in connection with the kidnapping case registered against him at the KR Nagar police station in Mysuru district.

HASSAN JDS PREZ SLAMS REVANNA'S ARREST

Taking serious exception to the arrest of Holenarasipur JDS MLA HD Revanna by the SIT, Hassan district JDS president KS Lingesh on Monday said the probe team should release the former minister, who he claimed had been booked in a kidnap case following a political conspiracy. Lingesh said the SIT should probe the kidnap case impartially. He blamed KR Nagar MLA Ravishankar for allegedly instigating the victim to file the kidnap case against Revanna.

Prajwal may return after polls end in state

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EVEN as the Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been making all efforts to take Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna into their custody, he is likely to return to the country only after the Lok Sabha polls in Karnataka conclude on Tuesday.

After the obscene videos came out in public, Prajwal, 33, had reportedly fled to Frankfurt, Germany, on April 27, a day after the Phase II Lok Sabha elections. Prajwal, the incumbent MP from Hassan, is the NDA candidate for the same segment in the ongoing General Elections. It is believed that Prajwal later fled to Dubai. Hassan voted on April 26.

"In the wake of the remaining 14 Lok Sabha seats going to the polls on May 7, his return has been put on hold by the JDS and BJP leadership... he is likely to reach India on the intervening nights of Tuesday and Wednesday," a highly placed source told TNIE.

He was expected to arrive on the intervening nights of May 3 and 4 but said that he would return only on May 6.

A Blue Corner Notice has been issued against Prajwal.

But the BJP-JDS leadership felt that his return to the country amid the 14 seats in Karnataka going to the polls on Tuesday may damage the prospects of the NDA candidates, a source added. According to sources, Prajwal has also been seeking the advice of one of the country's top legal experts on the timing of his appearance before the SIT, as the latter has been studying the case.

With Phase IV of polling on May 13, including in neighbouring Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, speculation is rife whether Prajwal will return only on the intervening nights of May 15 and 16. "He has booked his ticket on the same date from Munich," added the source. But BJP leaders, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, have alleged that the Congress government, especially DyCM and KPCC president DK Shivakumar, helped Prajwal flee the country. The Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, R Ashoka, said on Monday that even if Prajwal wins from Hassan, action will be taken against him.

Officers of the SIT inspect Holenarasipur JDS MLA HD Revanna's residence in Basavanagudi, Bengaluru, on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

JDS leaders meet Bhavani to chart future course

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hassan

IN the wake of the alleged sex scandal and related crises rocking the JDS, Shravanabelagola party MLA CN Balakrishna, former MLA KS Lingesh and other senior party functionaries called on **Bhavani Revanna**, wife of arrested Holenarasipur MLA HD Revanna, at the latter's residence in Holenarasipur on Monday.

The leaders discussed the arrest of Revanna by the Special Investigation Team (SIT), on charges of kidnapping a woman, and also the alleged sexual assault case involving Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna. They also pondered upon the future course of action for the JDS leaders in the interest of the party. District MLAs, former MLAs and senior leaders also huddled together on Sunday in Hassan, where they strongly condemned the arrest of Revanna, by filing a fresh FIR at the KR Nagar police station. Earlier, speaking to reporters, MLA Balakrishna said the SIT should probe the case impartially and release Revanna, since he is not involved himself in any issue.

'VIDEO FORENSICS SHOULD BE AT THE CORE OF PROBE'

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE investigation into the alleged sex scandal case involving the Janata Dal (Secular) (JD(S) Hassan MP and candidate Prajwal Revanna rests heavily on video forensics since its the pen drives which have been indiscriminately circulated that have the controversial videos.

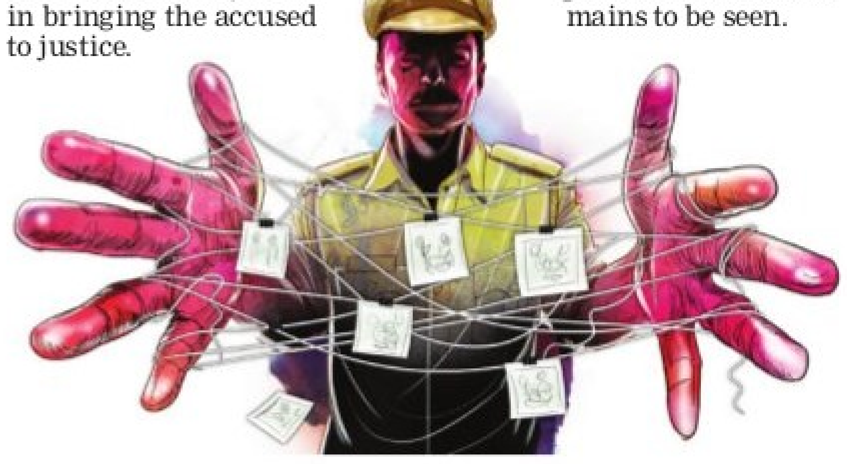
"Video forensics is at the core of the investigation in the sleaze videos that have reportedly been disseminated widely through pen drives. The forensic examination of the pen drives can provide a wealth of information and digital evidence, which is admissible in court of law," said cyber expert and retired IPS officer Sanjay Sahay. Even as the SIT has summoned Prajwal to depose before the investigating officer, the forensic investigation of the videos can form the bulwark of evidence.

"Even if some witnesses turn hostile, digital evidence remains the spine of the investigation. Forensic examination of the videos can help the investigation team find out whether they are genuine or doctored; the source of the videos, the gadgets used to record and copy them, the time and location integrity and if they use other tools like the facial recognition (FR) software, it can help in identifying the accused, victims and third person if any, videographing the events etc," he added. Sahay said technology is robust and can be effectively used in bringing the accused to justice.

Digital evidence is admissible in court of law as evidence under Section 65B of the Information Technology Act. It has to be certified by a recognised entity.

"Besides cyber and video forensics, the investigation can also locate the address from where the pen drives were bought, by who and when. The investigation must maintain a certain amount of sustained momentum to speedily gather critical evidence -- circumstantial, victims and witnesses statements before it is destroyed," said another former cop, who didn't wish to be named.

The alleged sex scandal was outed three days before April 26 - the second phase and the first round of polling in Karnataka in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. Prajwal is said to have left for Germany on April 27. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on April 28 constituted the Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by ADGP BK Singh. The SIT on May 2 issued a look out circular (LOC) for Prajwal by which time he had already left the country on a diplomatic passport. The CBI has approached Interpol and already a blue corner notice (BCN) has been issued against Prajwal. The Interpol will inform the member countries to alert them if they locate him in their territory. Whether the diplomatic passport, which helped him to travel to Germany by passing visa and other travel formalities, will expose his location remains to be seen.



Court restrains media from falsely linking HDD, HDK to scandal

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

A city civil and sessions court on Monday passed a temporary injunction order restraining the media, social media and digital media from publishing any news items falsely depicting former PM HD Deve Gowda and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy by showing their morphed photos and linking their names to the alleged sex scandal involving Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna without any substantive evidence to unnecessarily tarnish their image and reputation.

The court said the right of defendants -- media, social media and digital media -- from publishing articles under the right of defence cannot be fully restricted. However, showing fake and fabricated news items against the plaintiffs -- Gowda and Kumaraswamy -- without any admissible and substantive material can be prevented.

Vacation Judge HA Mohan, who is also the Special Judge for CBI cases, passed the interim order, which will be effective till the next date of hearing on May 29. The judge passed the order after hearing the suit filed by the plaintiffs, who contended that there are no allegations against them with regard to the alleged videos and the complaints but their pictures are being shown by morphing and other ways.

Referring to the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court on passing injunction orders by trial courts and also its observations on the right of journalists and that of a citizen to know about the conduct of public servants, the court said if false and fake news is published and shown in news channels it will definitely harm the reputation of any public servant who also has the right to protect his dignity and decorum and human rights. At the same time, a public servant should also conduct himself/herself keeping in mind the positions they hold, the court added.

Mentioning an article and another photo in which morphed faces of plaintiffs and others were published before filing the suit, the court noted it is not in dispute that Prajwal is the grandson of Deve Gowda and a nephew of Kumaraswamy.

Though there are serious allegations against Prajwal, it is not correct on the part of the media to show morphed faces of the plaintiffs in the absence of specific allegations against them, it added.

'PM DIDN'T SPEAK ON SEVERITY OF DROUGHT'

BENGALURU: Senior Congress leader Prof **BK Chandrashekar** on Monday alleged that Karnataka has "experienced an assault on some sensitive issues by the Prime Minister and other BJP leaders". "Prime Minister Narendra Modi even overstepped the 'Model Code of Conduct' rules in the election campaign, by embarrassing women in the state that they should keep a watch on their 'Mangalya'," he stated. The former minister said the PM did not speak on the severity of the drought in the state, and how his government could have helped. "On the drought issue, some money (Rs 3,454 crore) came only after the Supreme Court commented on the delay. The commonly advanced reason by the Centre was that the MCC was in the way! The Election Commission has never objected to urgent drought relief help from the Centre," he claimed. **ENS**

Revanna speaks to his advocates for an hour

Advocate Gopal, who has accused the SIT of not following procedures, in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

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THIS victim along with another 44-year-old victim, who has accused the MP of raping her at gunpoint, were taken for spot mahazar at Revanna's Holenarasipur house and the MP Quarters on Saturday.

Gopal, an advocate, who is authorised by Revanna's family to be present during spot mahazars, has accused the SIT officers of not following procedures. "The SIT officials did not let me inside the premises during the spot mahazars. I have been authorised to be present during the spot mahazars. The SIT officers are not following the procedure and it will be brought to the notice of the court," he said.

Revanna, who is in the SIT custody, was allowed to speak to his advocates for an hour at the SIT office on Monday. The court has granted permission to Revanna to speak to his advocate for an hour every day till he is in the SIT custody.

'Didn't sign statements'

The MLA is said to have discussed with his advocate about the questions he is being asked by the SIT officers. It is said that the MLA refused to sign the copies of his statements stating that they were not made by him.

EXPRESS READ

Congress will win at least 20 seats: Savadi

ATHANI: The Congress will win a minimum of 20 seats in Karnataka in the Lok Sabha polls, claimed former deputy chief minister and current Athani Congress MLA Laxman Savadi on Monday. Addressing reporters here on Monday, Savadi further claimed that while the Narendra Modi government has been in power at the Centre for the last 10 years, it has not completed a single development project till date across the country. "The BJP has been playing dirty politics of religion and caste to win elections," he alleged, adding that the ruling party encouraged clashes between different communities just for power. "PM Modi has given several promises to voters, but has not fulfilled them," he claimed.

In a first, fresh food for polling staff in Kalaburagi

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Kalaburagi

IN a first, the election staff deputed in 2,378 polling stations spread across nine Assembly constituencies in Kalaburagi district will get fresh food instead of packed food packets for breakfast and lunch on May 7, the day of polling, Deputy Commissioner Fouzia Taranum who is also the District Election Officer, has said.

Speaking to *TNIE* on Monday, the DC said that food will be provided to the staff in Gulbarga South and North constituencies by the Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, while in the remaining seven segments, the task has been entrusted to the Department of School Education.

The Department of School Education will prepare food with help from the Akshara Dasoha staff in a room at each of the polling stations for 10–12 members, including the police. In the morning, the polling staff would be given breakfast and tea, and in the afternoon, they would get freshly made meals, including roti, she added. Fouzia said that a total of 2,804 presiding officers, 5,608 assistant presiding officers, 5,608 polling officers, and 270 micro-observers have been deputed on election duty.

Each polling station would have a presiding officer, an assistant presiding officer, two polling officers, a group 'D' employee, and a police constable. Arrangements have been made for providing drinking water to the voters and a restroom in every polling station. To attract voters, especially women and first-time voters, five 'Sakhi' pink booths, one youth booth, one PWD booth, and a theme-based booth have been set up in every Assembly segment, Fouzia said. "The theme-based polling booth will highlight the historical importance of the region," she added.

Polling staff proceed to their respective polling stations, after the mustering process, in Kalaburagi on Monday | EXPRESS

CORRIGENDUM

On Page 4 of *The New Indian Express* edition dated Monday, May 6, 2024, the designation of BS Yediyurappa in a picture caption has been inadvertently given as Deputy Chief Minister. The correct designation should be former chief minister. The error is regretted.

Two girls drowned in the Netravati at Neerakatte village in Bantwal taluk on Saturday evening. The deceased have been identified as Ashura, 11, and Mariyam Nafiya, 14. According to a complaint, Mariyam Nafiya and Ashura were playing on the riverbank when they slipped into the river and drowned

PM says June 4 will be expiry date for BJD govt

BIJOY PRADHAN @ Bhubaneswar

EXUDING confidence of a strong performance by his party in Odisha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he had come to invite the people to the swearing-in ceremony of the state's first BJP government which will be held in the state capital Bhubaneswar on June 10.

Addressing a mammoth election rally at Kanisi on the outskirts of Berhampur city, Modi said that two Yagnas were being performed in Odisha - one for making a strong government in the country and the other for a BJP-led government in the state. “Take it from me. June 4 is clearly written as the expiry date of the BJD government. Today is May 6. The party will decide its chief minister on June 6, who will take oath of office on June 10 in Bhubaneswar,” Modi said.

PM Narendra Modi at a public meeting at Berhampur in Odisha on Monday

Further, Modi said that the BJP has proudly given the highest post in the country to the daughter of Odisha, Droupadi Murmu. “Undoubtedly, it is a matter of pride for every person living in this state. It is my good fortune that President Droupadi Murmu Ji keeps updating me about the areas in Odisha that need special attention of the central government. I feel that I would be able to do the best for Odisha under her guidance,” he said.

BJP DAYDREAMING OF COMING TO POWER IN ODISHA: NAVEEN

Bhubaneswar: Hours after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's claims that a BJP government will be sworn in on June 10 in Odisha, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik came out with a stinging rebuttal terming it a daydream of the saffron party for many years. The chief minister's response came after 5T chairman and BJD leader VK Pandian informed him about the BJP's claim of forming government in the state while the two leaders were on their way from Bhawanipatna to address an election meeting at Khariar. “The BJP is day dreaming since a long time,” he said.

SC LAWYER SENDS LEGAL NOTICE TO EC ON PM'S 'HATE SPEECH'

Kochi: Supreme Court lawyer Kaleeswaram Raj has sent a legal notice to the Chief Election Commissioner seeking action against Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his controversial remarks during the 2024 Lok Sabha election campaigns. In the notice, Kaleeswaram Raj sought “immediate action against the prime minister, who has been consistently engaging in hate speech and divisive rhetoric in his election campaign.” “Many of his utterances are clearly in breach of the relevant provisions governing the issue,” the notice said. “As of now, I have sent the notice and am awaiting the response from the Election Commission. In the absence of any concrete and immediate action on the issue, I shall consider placing the issue before the Supreme Court by appropriate methods,” Kaleeswaram Raj told TNIE.

SC to hear K'taka plea on drought aid in July

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court said it will hear in July a plea filed by the Karnataka government seeking a direction to the Centre to release financial assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to the state for drought management.

The Karnataka government told the Supreme Court that the Centre's decision to release drought relief and rehabilitation of Rs 3,454 crore was far less than what was asked for by the state.

The matter came up for hearing on Monday before a bench of justices BR Gavai and Sandeep Mehta. Senior lawyer Kapil Sibal, representing the Karnataka government, told the bench that the Centre had filed a reply and needed time to file an affidavit. The Centre in its submissions claimed that the state government did not provide all necessary data and information. Denying the charges, Sibal said, “There is some incorrect data. There are some factual errors in their reply. Give me some time to file an affidavit in response to that.”

During the hearing last week, Sibal had told the bench that Rs 3,450 crore has been released but the state's request was for Rs 18,000 crore.

The petition has sought to declare that the Centre's action in not releasing the financial assistance for drought arrangement according to the NDRF is “ex-facie violative” of the fundamental rights of the people of the state guaranteed under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution. It said the state is reeling under a “severe drought”, affecting the lives of its people and for the kharif 2023 season, which starts in June and ends in September, a total of 223 out of 236 taluks are declared as drought-affected.

Karnataka gets monsoon-ready

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE recent incidence of rainfall across parts of Karnataka hints at the onset of monsoon. Accordingly, the Revenue Department has written to Regional Commissioners, DCs and Chief Executive Officers to prepare for heavy rain. The officials have been instructed to identify low-lying areas, hold coordination meetings with relevant departments, and make preparations to quickly alert residents near dams, among others.

A circular issued by the state disaster management from the revenue department informs that as per IMD prediction, a whopping 104 per cent rainfall is expected across the country, while Karnataka would also receive more rain. With this, there is a need to take precautionary measures to avoid any eventualities in the wake of heavy downpour.

There is also the need to convene and distribute responsibilities with other departments for better management. The authorities have instructed DCs to identify low-lying areas, for which coordination is required with the Urban Development Department/ RDPR and also the PWD.

'ANNOUNCE SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR RAIN-HIT FARMERS'

Mysuru: Raitha Sangha activists blocked the busy Mysuru-Ooty Road and staged a protest demanding that the government announce a special package for the crops destroyed in rain havoc and start goshala to feed cattle due to the prevailing drought condition. The activists led by Baghyaraj, said farmers have lost banana and other horticulture crops and urged the government to announce a special package to bail out the farmers from huge losses. Drought and strong winds in the past days have caused extensive damage to standing crops in more than 1,500 acres.

'AUG, SEPT WILL SEE GOOD RAIN'

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“The El Nino effect caused higher sea surface temperature. Now it is becoming weak and by May 15, it is expected to become neutral,” Srinivas Reddy said. It was because of last year's El Nino effect, Karnataka witnessed a severe drought. Reddy said the La Nino condition is prevailing now. Because of this, the sea surface temperature will be less than normal. That is expected to bring good rainfall. “Whenever there was La Nino, those years witnessed good rainfall,” he added. He said August and September will see good rainfall this year. This is expected to work in favour of farmers. Prof MB Rajegowda, an agrometeorologist and ex-registrar of the University of Agricultural Sciences, said during the southwest monsoon, Karnataka is expected to get 860mm of rain. This year, it could touch up to 900mm.

The medical office quarters from where Mandya police arrested four persons who were involved in illegal abortion in Pandavapura taluk of Mysuru on Monday

Police arrest 4 for illegal abortion in Mandya

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mandya

FOUR persons were caught red-handed on Sunday, conducting a sex-selective abortion on a woman, in Pandavapura taluk of Mysuru district. Ironically, illegal termination of the female foetus was being done at the residential quarters of the medical department personnel, situated just behind the taluk health officer's office.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team raided the quarters and apprehended four individuals -- Anand, ambulance driver of the taluk government hospital, his wife Ashwini, a D-Group employee in the taluk government hospital, Ashwini's mother Shashikala, and Girijamba, a nurse from Babu Nursing Home. Preliminary investigations have unveiled a disturbing pattern of female foeticide spanning several months within the residential quarters. Acting on public information, a police team led by sub-inspector Umesh conducted a midnight raid on Sunday, resulting in the arrest of the four perpetrators.

The woman being operated on was Pushpalatha, a resident of Salundi in Mysuru, and mother of two daughters. Coerced by family pressure for a male child, Pushpalatha underwent a sex determination test, and on discovering the foetus was female, there was a demand for abortion. Police promptly transported Pushpalatha to the government hospital, and also seized medical supplies, including tablets, syringes and drip bottles used in the illegal termination. Police said doctors in the government hospital performed the abortion and provided medical care to the woman.

Anand, who had been serving as an ambulance driver on contract basis for nine years, resided in the health department's residential quarters with his wife and mother-in-law.

Preliminary investigations revealed a well-organised operation where the woman from Mysuru underwent a sex determination test in a secluded place. Anand and his accomplices provided abortion pills and instructed her to visit a private lodge until labour pain began, at which point she was brought to the quarters for termination.

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Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the **25th Day Of April, 2024.**

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3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 140.00 Lakhs	₹ 73.70 Lakhs	₹ 91.30 Lakhs
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Sd/- Group Director, C&MG

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Kengeri Branch Bangalore No.40, S.L.N Complex, B M Road, Kengeri Town, Bangalore-560060. (ph. 080-28482256) E-Mail: keng@bcbbank.in

TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, **1. Mr. Gurulingaiah P** No.1404/1-12 Fort, Matta Street, Channapatna, Ramanagara District Ramanagar-562159. having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **The Bharath Co-Op Bank Ltd., Kengeri Branch Bangalore.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs.2,27,13,903/-**(Rupees Two Crore Twenty Seven Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Three Only) as on **02/05/2024,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of the Property

(Property Belongs to Sri. Gurulingaiah. P): All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal No.2559, Municipal No.1404, 1404-1-2, Masjid Street, For 'A' Division, Channapattana Town, Ramanagara District, and measuring East to West 13.41 meters and North to South 9.60 Meters consisting of Ground, 1 and 2 Floor. and Bounded By: East: Remaining Property of Vendor, West: Property of Venkataramu, North: House of Jettiger, South: Municipal Road.

Date & Time of Opening Tender & Place of Auction	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
20.05.2024 at 11.30 AM at The Bharath Co-Op Bank Ltd., Jayanagar Branch Bangalore.	**Rs. 85,00,000/-**	**Rs. 8,50,000/-**

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: - (1) The Tender form can be collected from **The Bharath Co-Op Bank Ltd., Kengeri Branch Bangalore No.40, S.L.N Complex, B M Road, Kengeri Town, Bangalore-560060. (ph. 080-28482256)** on all working days during office hours. (2) The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **The Bharath Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore- payable at Bangalore.** The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. (3) Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **The Bharath Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore** latest by **18.05.2024 before 5.00 P M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. (4) The property “SHALL NOT” be sold below the reserve price. (5) In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. (6) The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. (7) The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM on 20.05.2024. (8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. (9) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. (10) The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. (11) The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. (12) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. (13)The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and -5.00PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. (14) The property is put for sale on **“ AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION” and “ AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION”.** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the **Authorised Officer, Kengeri Branch Bangalore** No.40, S.L.N Complex, B M Road, Kengeri Town, Bangalore-560060. **(ph. 080-28482256) E-Mail: keng@bcbbank.in**

Date: 04.05.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bharath Co-Op Bank Ltd

IN THE COURT OF V ADDL JUDGE OF SMALL CAUSES, MAYOHALL, AT BENGALURU

CC. No. 51926/2019

Between:COMPLAINANT : M/s Shiva Ferric Pvt Ltd **V/S**
ACCUSED :1. M/s Globe Tec
2. Ajay Khurana

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
See Section 82 of Cr. P.C

WHEREAS complaint has been registered in C.C. No.51926/2019 before me that **Ajay Khurana, CEO of M/s. Globe Tec,** residing at No.1/3, 4th Cross, Peenya Industrial Estate, Towards SRS end, Bengaluru-560058 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence punishable under section 138 & 142 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Ajay Khurana** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Ajay Khurana** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Ajay Khurana** is required to appear before the **V ADDL. JUDGE OF SMALL CAUSES, MAYO HALL, BENGALURU (SCH-20) Court** to answer the said complaint on 10.06.2024.

Dated :06th Day of May, 2024

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar
Court of Small Causes,
Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Viz. **T. T. Ramachandra S/o Late T.V. Thimmaiah,** has negotiated and finalized to purchase all that vacant site more fully described in the Schedule hereunder written from its lawful owner **Viz. Sri. Sathyanarayana Raju Buddharaju S/o Late Subba Raju,** Residing at: 42-286/3/9, Road 1, New Maruthi Nagar, Near Venkateswara Temple, ECIL Post, Hyderabad-500062, Andhra Pradesh.

Any person/s asserting any right, title, interest or having any sort of claim on the Schedule Property or objecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned Advocate or meet him in person at his designated address **within 7 (seven) days** of the issue of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which he/she/they is/are asserting his/her/their right/s. If no claim is received within the said period, my client shall proceed to purchase the Schedule Property and shall complete the sale transaction on the basis that the there are no claims of whatsoever nature from whomsoever concerned.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All the vacant Site No. 2717, formed by Bengaluru Development Authority at 6th Block of Sir. M. Visveshwaraiah Layout, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 18 Meters and North to South: 12 Meters bounded on the **East by:** Site No. 2701 and 2702, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No. 2716, **South by:** Site No. 2718.

Mr. CHANDRASHEKARA BABU, Advocate
No. 1103, O.T.C. Road,
Near Hotel Pai Grand, Bengaluru-560002.

Form No.14: (See Regulation 33 (2))

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

TRC NO: 2228/17

Syndicate Bank, City Market Branch, Bangalore 560 002 **...Certificate Holder**
-- Versus --
Mr. N. Srinivas & Anr. ...Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Mr. N. Srinivas, S/o Narayana Raju, Nordic Enterprises, No. 259/11, 5th Main, Vyalikaval, Malleshwaram, Bangalore.
2. Mr. M.R. Bharath Kumar, S/o M.S.Rama Setty, Partner: M/s Raghuveer Industries, No. C-26, NGEF Ancillary Indl. Estate, Mahadevapura Post, Bangalore 560 045.
...Defendants

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A No.1250/2012** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs. 36,28,220/- (Rupees Thirty six lakhs twenty eight thousand two hundred twenty only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay All charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **12th day of July, 2017.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- II, BANGALORE.

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **“Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment”. 3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (“said Act”) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of The Property
Mr.Rajiv Kumar (Borrower) Mrs.Jyoti Kumar (Co-Borrower)	Loan Account No. (1) 363369322 Rs.11,99,494/- (2) 600655693 Rs. 2,24,659/- Total Amount Rs.14,24,153/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Twenty Four Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Three Only) as on 31.07.2023	13.09.2023	06.05.2024	**Schedule-A:** House list **No.16,** Khanesumari **No.169,** Katha **No.472,** formed in converted Sy.No.39 & 41/1A, the said property comes within the jurisdiction of Rajarajeshwari Nagar CMC Limits, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purposes by the Special Deputy Commissioner, vide his order bearing No. B.Dis.ALN.SR(S)451/1988-89, dated 25.04.1989, situated at Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 101 + 93 feet, and North to South 61 + 60 feet in all measuring **5868.5** and bounded on: **East by:** Property No.13, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property No.15, **South by:** Site No.17. **Schedule-B:** All that piece and parcel of residential units constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property known as **SILVER LINE ORCHID-1** consisting of basement, ground, first, second and third floors, with mosaic flooring. **Schedule-C:** All that piece and parcel of residential unit situated in the **Second Floor bearing Flat No.S-01,** East Facing consisting of two bed rooms, hall, kitchen with attached bath room, the doors & Windows of house are fitted with teak wood, steel windows, vitrified tiles flooring, with super built up area **1030 square feet,** of the schedule 'B' property together with share in the schedule 'A' Property equivalent to be **294 square feet,** with **one car parking.**

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date: 07.05.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

QuoteExpress IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH HELL, KEEP GOING > WINSTON CHURCHILL

To help people cast their votes in the third phase of polling, Bengaluru Railway Division ran four special trains from SMVT to Vijayapura (06231); Yesvantpur to Vijayanagar via Belagavi (07319); Yesvantpur to Bidar (06227) and Mysuru to Talaguppa (07373). The capacity of each train was close to 2,000 people including reserved and unreserved passengers

14 constituencies go to polls today; high-stakes battle for Kharge, BSY

After vicious campaigning, it will be curtains on Lok Sabha elections in Karnataka

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

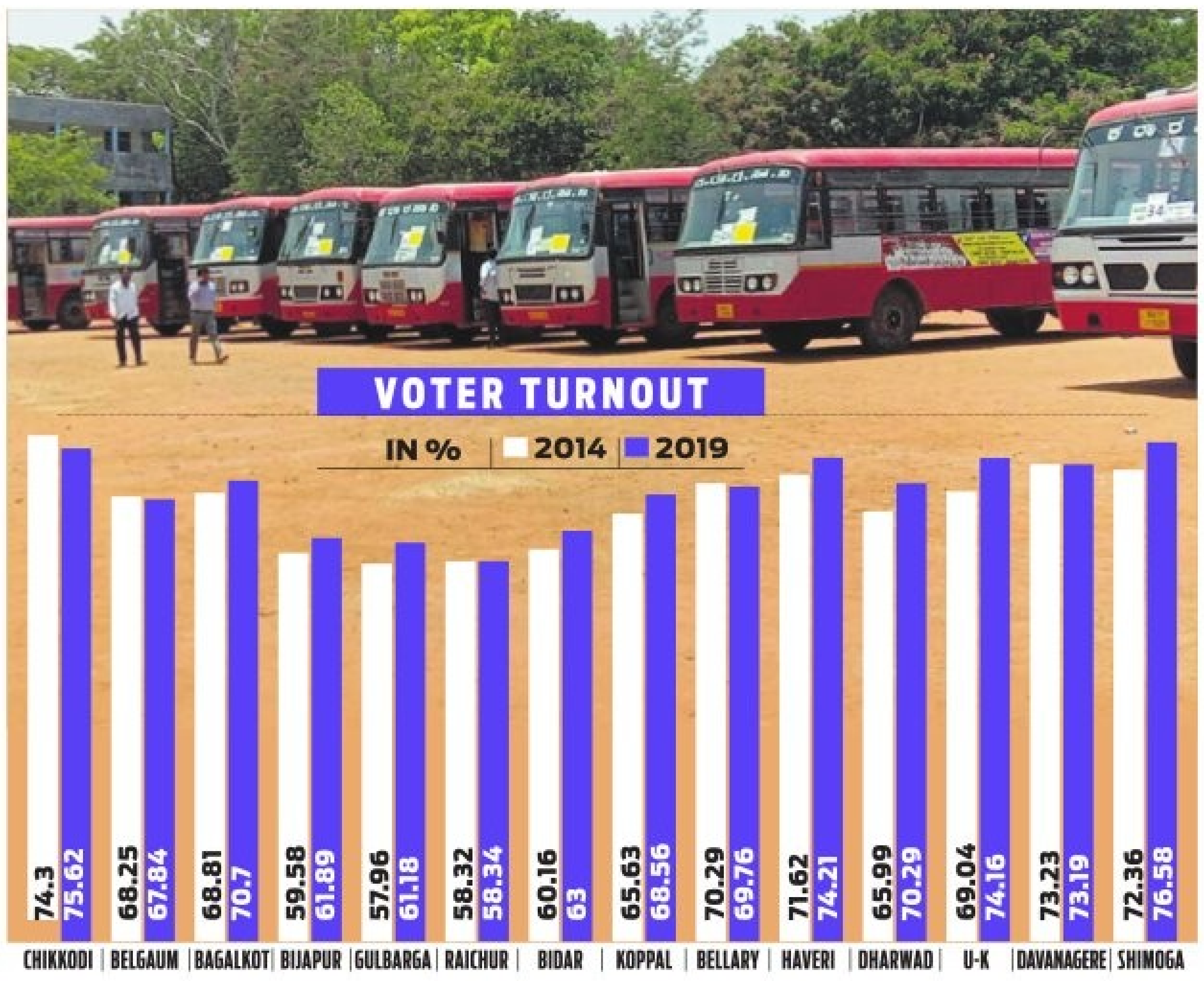
FOURTEEN Lok Sabha constituencies in Karnataka will go to polls on Tuesday and this is considered as a high-stakes battle for AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge as most of the seats are in North Karnataka regarded as his home turf, and former CM and Lingayat strongman BS Yediyurappa, whose son BY Vijayendra is state BJP president.

With this, LS elections will end in Karnataka. Polling was held on April 26 for 14 other constituencies in the state.

BJP and Congress leaders have campaigned extensively in the 14 constituencies amid the rising mercury levels in most parts of North Karnataka. The two parties focused on issues such as SC/ST/OBC quota, minority appeasement, PM Modi's and Congress guarantees, Hubballi Neha Hiremath murder case and the latest Hassan sex scandal. Prominent among those in the fray are former CMs Basavaraj Bommai (Haveri) and Jagadish Shettar (Belgaum), Union ministers Pralhad Joshi (Dharwad) and Bhagwant Khuba (Bidar), Yediyurappa's son Raghavendra (Shivamogga), Kharge's son-in-law Radhakrishna Doddamani (Gulbarga SC), and former minister B Sriramulu (Bellary).

The Congress has fielded Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre's son Sagar Khandre (Bidar), Women and Child Welfare Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar's son Mrinal Hebbalkar (Belgaum), PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi's daughter Priyanka (Chikkodi) and APMC minister Shivananda Patil's daughter Samyukta (Bagalkot).

Prabha Mallikarjun, wife of minister SS Mallikarjun (Congress), and Gayathri Siddeshwara, wife of MP GM Siddeshwara (BJP) are fighting for Davanagere seat. Anjali Nimbalkar of Congress is pitted against Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri of BJP in Uttara Kannada. BJP's alliance partner JDS is not contesting in Tuesday's elections. However, former CM and JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy has campaigned extensively for BJP candidates. Chikkodi, Belgaum, Bagalkot, Haveri, Bijapur, Bidar, Gulbarga (SC), Raichur, Bellary, Koppal, Dharwad, Uttara Kannada, Shivamogga and Davanagere go to polls on Tuesday.



Heatwave will add to political temp

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WILL Shimoga see the highest voter turnout in the state in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, like it did in 2019? The answer will be known on Tuesday when the constituency goes to the polls along with 13 other parliamentary segments in the state in the third phase of Lok Sabha elections.

Election officials, political parties and experts are looking at the constituency not just for the voter turnout, but also the intense battle here among sitting MP BY Raghavendra, Congress candidate Geetha Shivarajkumar and BJP rebel candidate and former deputy chief minister KS Eshwarappa.

The constituency saw a voter turnout of 76.58% in 2019 and 72.36% in 2014. Chikkodi recorded the highest voter turnout of 74.30% in 2014, but slipped to the second position with 75.62% in 2019. Chikkodi is another constituency to look out for, where the battle is between Priyanka Jarkiholi, daughter of minister Satish Jarkiholi, and sitting MP and BJP candidate Annasaheb Shankar Jolle.

Raichur has the second highest number of voters at 20,10,103, after Gulbarga with 20,98,202. But Raichur recorded the lowest voter turnout in 2019 and 2014 polls at 58.34% and 52.32%, respectively.

The least number of voters are in Uttara Kannada at 16,41,156. But the constituency saw a voter turnout of 74.16%, and 69.04% in the 2019 and 2014 polls. Experts and election officials pointed out that the voter turnout in the 14 constituencies of Kittur and Kalyana Karnataka and Malnad regions is generally better than the 14 other constituencies in the state that went to the polls in the second phase of elections on April 26.

Well-known political expert Sandeep Shastry said there is no empirical evidence to show the correlation between voter turnout and results. "In Phase-3, political temperatures will be more intense than the atmospheric temperature. Weather will have little impact on the turnout, like it did in Phase 2."

The rising temperature will be a matter of concern not just for election officials, but also voters. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a heatwave alert for most parts of the state between May 6 and 8. The department has warned that Bidar, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Yadgir, Raichur, Bagalkot, Koppal, Ballari, Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru and Kolar will see high temperatures.

Battle for supremacy between feuding families of Shimoga

RAMACHANDRA V GUNARI
@ Shivamogga

THE stage is set for the clash of two progenies of two former chief ministers, besides a seasoned politician and former DCM, in Shimoga parliamentary constituency. This battle for supremacy between two former chief ministers' families, which started in 2009, is continuing even after 15 years.

In this election, BJP's BY Raghavendra, son of BS Yediyurappa, is up against Geetha Shivarajkumar of the Congress, the daughter of S Bangarappa. Shimoga constituency is considered a strong saffron base, and queering the pitch for the two main protagonists is seasoned BJP politician and former DCM KS Eshwarappa.

Former CM S Bangarappa's regime in Shimoga parliamentary constituency as well as Shivamogga district lasted a few decades. He contested on Karnataka Congress Party, Congress as well as BJP tickets. He contested his last election in 2009 on a Congress ticket, taking on Raghavendra. He was defeated by a margin of 52,889 votes, after which his political fortune began declining. Ever since, Shimoga LS constituency has been witnessing a clash between the two families.

Interestingly, the political graph of former CM BS Yediyurappa was on the rise from 2004, and till date there is no looking back, despite some hiccups. In the 2014 parliamentary elections, Yediyurappa faced Geetha Shivarajkumar, then in the JDS, and defeated her by a margin of 3,65,580 votes.

The clash of progenies kicked off in 2018, in the by-election for Shimoga LS seat. Madhu S Bangarappa, second son of Bangarappa, took on Raghavendra, son of Yediyurappa, and was defeated by a margin of 52,148 votes. Again in the 2019 general elections, this clash continued between Raghavendra (BJP) and Madhu Bangarappa, consensus candidate of the JDS-Congress alliance. Madhu lost by 2,23,360 votes.

A senior BJP leader told TNIE, on condition of anonymity, that this family rivalry seems to be cropping up in every election. It led to some bad blood with members of the two families making personal accusations against each other. "I have never seen such personal attacks by district politicians in the past several decades, including former CM S Bangarappa," he said.

In this election, a wide range of issues were debated -- free power supply to pumpsets of farmers, Sharavathi evacuees, protection of rights of bagair hukum cultivators, and corruption during Yediyurappa's tenure as CM, including the airport. The Congress understands the intensity of 'political rivalry' and aims to conquer lost political ground in Shivamogga.

The entry of Eshwarappa as an independent has also led to a personal attack on Yediyurappa's family after denial of the party ticket to his son KE Kanthesh. Eshwarappa has contended that three members of the BSY family are enjoying various party positions and portfolios.

Some Congress leaders felt that former minister and senior Congress leader Kagodu Thimmappa was neglected as his daughter joined the BJP. Eshwarappa, fighting to carve out political space for his son, could impact the two former CMs' families -- whether the sitting MP continues his winning streak, or Geetha Shivarajkumar pulls off an upset win remains to be seen.

Will sex scandal cause cracks in JDS-BJP pact?

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

WITH the alleged sex scandal involving Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna flaring up, the issue is likely to have an impact on the BJP-JDS alliance for the biennial elections to the Karnataka Legislative Council for six seats to be held on June 3.

The two parties are facing the ongoing Lok Sabha election together.

Even though the JDS and BJP have claimed that the alliance would continue for the Council, ZP/TP, and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) elections, the sex scandal has made the saffron party leaders rethink the tie-up with the regional party, according to sources. "The issue is in constant media glare, and the public opinion is also against Prajwal. A few BJP leaders want the top brass to rethink the alliance," said a source. This comes even as the BJP's top leadership is trying to portray that all is well in the alliance.

Meanwhile, Congress leaders are using the sex scandal to target the BJP and even Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra have directly targeted PM Modi for campaigning for Prajwal ahead of the second phase of the Lok Sabha polls. Rahul even called Prajwal a "mass rapist" and flayed Modi for his silence on the issue. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah even accused the Centre of helping Prajwal flee the country.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, however, turned the tables on the Congress, maintaining that Prajwal was elected to the Lok Sabha in 2019 when the JDS was in an alliance with the Grand Old Party. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi pressed for the arrest of Prajwal.

However, the scandal is almost certain to affect the JDS-BJP alliance, and its impact is likely to be felt within the next few days as the saffron party is set to take an important decision regarding the alliance for the Council polls, say insiders.

Informed sources revealed that most of the BJP state leaders are upset with the sex scandal and are not so keen on continuing the alliance. A section of the BJP leaders maintained that they accepted the alliance for the Lok Sabha Polls after the high command forced it on them so that the party repeats the 2019 performance in Karnataka.

BJP insiders pleading anonymity feel that it should not be a surprise if the party top brass says "enough is enough" and ends the alliance or will quietly contest the Council polls alone to minimise the damage the sex scandal has caused to the party.

"Top brass stitched the alliance without taking into consideration our opinion. Now it is up to them to take a call so that the party will not be targeted by the Congress and I.N.D.I.A bloc in the remaining four phases of Lok Sabha polls or in the ensuing Council elections," said a prominent BJP leader, adding that the party is being targeted and questioned for a "crime" not committed by its leaders.

Ex-MLC asks Cong leader to withdraw from council contest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

RAJYA Kayaka Samajala Okoota state president and former MLC KC Puttasiddashetty said he will contest the South Teachers' constituency election which will be held on June 3.

Speaking to reporters on Monday, Shetty said former MLC Maritibbe Gowda, who has been elected for the past 24 years, did not care to solve the problems of teachers. Gowda had recently resigned as MLC and from the JDS, and joined the Congress. Now, he is contesting from the constituency.

"Gowda does not behave politely with those who come to visit him. Teachers, who were working on a contract basis, did not get salary increments, the old pension scheme has not been implemented, there is a shortage of teachers in government schools and the education department building has not been repaired for years. I will work hard to solve all these issues," he said.

Stating that Gowda has made no contributions to the sector for the past 24 years, Puttasiddashetty appealed to him to withdraw from the contest.

"I appeal to Gowda to support me in the election. Gowda had won the MLC election due to our support. Now I appeal to him to withdraw from the election and support me," he said.

After polls, Mandya voters now debate & bet on outcome

B K LAKSHMIKANTHA @Mysuru

AFTER making headlines ahead of the Phase 3 Lok Sabha elections, the Mandya constituency is now witnessing intense discussions and betting over the outcome of the April 26 polls. Conversations on potential winners and losers are now a common sight at arali katte (platforms under peepal trees), tea stalls, and market squares. The post-poll scenario is not merely confined to discussions and debates. Betting activity, too, has surged in the constituency. From cash to two-wheelers, people this time have even wagered their livestock. The election in Mandya on April 26 saw an impressive voter turnout of close to 81%, the highest among the 14 Lok Sabha segments in Karnataka that voted. Mandya, the Sugar Bowl, drew national interest with the NDA fielding former chief minister and state JDS chief HD Kumaraswamy. In several villages of the constituency, farmers, labourers, and women are actively debating the potential election outcome, analysing factors such as candidates' performance, community affiliations, and organisational support. Caste dynamics play a significant role in the electoral outcome in Mandya, with Vokkaligas, Dalits, Lingayats, Kurubas, Muslims, and other backward communities holding sway in the district. But crucial to a candidate's victory in the constituency are the Vokkaligas, who form the majority of the voters. While the NDA has fielded HD Kumaraswamy, Congress' candidate is Venkataramane Gowda, popularly known as Star Chandru. "While both hail from the Vokkaliga community, Kumaraswamy holds a prominent leadership position within the community across the state. Venkataramane's support base, however, lacks the same level of organisational strength," opined a political expert. Consequently, discussions revolve around which candidate will secure the backing of a specific caste group.

POLL EXODUS

A day before polling for the Phase-3 of the LS polls on Tuesday, voters from North Karnataka wait to board buses to their hometowns to exercise their franchise, at the Majestic bus stand in Bengaluru | HEWIN BYJU

WHAT MAKES IT TICK...

Election representatives from 5 countries study Lok Sabha process in Belagavi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

Representatives of election commissions of five countries are in Belagavi to study the nitty gritty of how the world's largest democracy is running the ongoing Lok Sabha election process.

District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil received the team of ten members from the Election Commissions of Cambodia, Nepal, Moldova, Seychelles and Tunisia here on Monday.

The international delegation got an opportunity to interact with top officials of the district on the election process during a meeting at a private hotel in Belagavi. Patil explained to them about the preparations undertaken for the fair and smooth polling in the district.

Belagavi North Zone IGP Vikas Kumar Vikash, Superintendent of Police Dr Bhimashankar Guled and probationary IAS officer Shubham Shukla among others were present.

After this, the delegation visited a mustering centre at Vanita Vidyalaya School where they witnessed first-hand the work done at the ground level. Patil informed the members about deployment of polling booth staff, strongroom, distribution of voting machines, dispatch of election officers/staff teams to polling booths and transport system.

An official explains the workings of the Media Certification and Monitoring Centre to a delegation of election representatives of five countries, in Belagavi on Monday

The delegation's next stop was at a model code of conduct monitoring centre. Officials explained that the MCC team has been working in a well-equipped command and control centre set up under the Smart City Project to detect violations and ensure appropriate action. The members learned how officials monitor check-posts set up throughout the district through web cameras. They were also given information on the working of the flying surveillance teams that criss-cross the district in GPS-enabled vehicles. Demonstrations were also conducted on the unified system that facilitates instant transmission of information to teams.

The members were then taken to the Media Certification and Monitoring Centre set up at the News and Public Relations Department office. Nodal Officer Gurnath Kadabur explained the functions of the centre. The official also explained social media monitoring, detection of fake news created using AI technology and methods and legal measures to monitor election expenditure of candidates and political parties.

The delegation included Hel Sarath and Hout Borin, member and chief secretary, respectively, of the National Election Commission of Cambodia; Dana Mantenua and Adrian Gamarta Esanu, member and chairperson of Electoral District, respectively, of the Central Electoral Commission of Moldova; Dinesh Kumar Thapalia and Thaneshwar Busal, Chief Election Commissioner and Under Secretary of the Election Commission of Nepal; Danny Silva Lucas and Norlis Nicolas Rose Hoareau, Chief Electoral Commission and Commissioner, respectively, of the Electoral Commission of Seychelles; and Mnasri Mohamed Tlili and Jellali Nabil of the Independent High Commission for Elections, Tunisia.

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Congress leaders are spreading lies that the BJP would abolish reservation and the Constitution if it comes to power. People of the country know who imposed the emergency

Anurag Thakur, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh says '400 paar' target is based on people's confidence in BJP, rubbishes INDIA bloc's Constitution change allegation

'Oppn misguiding people by promising religion-based quota'

HAVING a hectic campaign schedule as a star campaigner of the BJP, Defence Minister and party candidate from Lucknow Lok Sabha seat **Rajnath Singh** has so far addressed over 50 public meetings across over a dozen states. Taking time out from his busy schedule, Singh gives an insight into BJP's strategy in the elections while talking to **Namita Bajpai**.

The opposition narrative is that BJP would change the Constitution considering party's target of '400 paar.' Your take.

Look Congress has no credible issues. They want to contest the elections over non-issues. While we are running our campaign based on the decade-long performance of our government, they do not have anything to show. They are just spreading lies. We have set our target after evaluating our capabilities and the confidence people have in us. They are misguiding people by promising religion-based reservation. When our Constitution does not have any such provision, then why to mislead people?

How the anger and discontent in Kashtriya Samaj would impact BJP's prospects in the elections?

There is no anger or discontent among Kashtriyas. Sometimes it is claimed that Brahmins are angry, sometimes Kashtriyas, especially during the elections. Actually, no community is unhappy.

What is your assessment about the number of seats BJP will get in UP?

We are going to get more seats than previous LS elections. This time, we have already scored more in the first two phases than those of 2019.

Opposition is accusing you of turning the discourse communal as you are lagging in the first two phases?

There is no question of it. We are working for all the sections equally without any discrimination on religious lines. Welfare schemes focus on everyone equally. They should substantiate their accusation with even one such instance. We are focusing on holistic development. We are ensuring that no section of the society remains devoid of development. If all sections do not progress equally, we will not be able to realise our dream of 'Viksit Bharat'.

Do you think PDA (Pichhda, Dalit, Alpsankhyak) formula given by SP chief Akhilesh Yadav is affecting BJP's caste bouquet?

We don't indulge in caste-driven politics.

What would you say about the issues of unemployment, inflation, price rise ringing on the ground?

There is an attraction for PM Modi at the ground. Given his achievements and his governance of the last 10 years, I can say that people have a very positive feeling towards him. People are happy with the rising stature of the country at international level. Moreover, the benefits of social welfare schemes have reached the lowest level of society. There is no corruption or leakage in the deliverance of those benefits.

How do you evaluate party prospects in southern states, especially Tamil Nadu and Kerala?

We are going to increase our tally certainly. I, myself, have held half a dozen rallies each in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Even political analysts believe that the BJP would get seats in both the states. In Andhra Pradesh, we are doing very good. In Telangana, our tally is likely to go beyond four which we had won in previous election.

Don't you feel that an alliance with AIADMK would have been more fruitful for BJP in Tamil Nadu?

The present scenario is equally good. With our current allies, we are going to register our presence in the state emphatically this time.

An impact of repeating sitting MPs facing anti-incumbency was visible on the ground, especially in western UP?

In BJP, ticket are given after taking each factor into account. Even then, if there was a certain amount of anti-incumbency against any candidate, people are focused on voting for the development having taken place during the last 10 years. India is growing exponentially, its stature has gone up several notches in the world. Everything else becomes diminutive, meaningless.

Will the next national election in 2029 be held on the lines of 'One Nation One Election' proposal?

We are all for it. However, modalities would be worked out after thorough confabulations. It is the need of the hour and a consensus on the issue is also required.

How will you wash off the allegation of being a washing machine for the tainted leaders of other parties?

BJP has no machine. Those who are coming were good when in their original party and after joining BJP they suddenly become tainted.

There is a narrative over the 'misuse' of ED and CBI to intimidate opposition leaders. Two CMs of opposition-ruled states are in jail?

Agencies will work as per their mandate. If anyone feels of being victimised, he/she should approach court. If they are wrongly implicated by any agency, they will get relief from court. Why do they indict BJP? The courts in many cases have given order against the government as well.

Congress leader and former Punjab CM Charanjeet Singh Channi has called the terror attack on IAF convoy in Poonch an election stunt and orchestrated by BJP? Your take.

These are baseless allegations. Our politicians should refrain from giving hollow statements over border security and supreme sacrifice by our jawans and officers. What do they want to prove?

You have said that we would not have to take PoK back, it would come on its own? How will that happen?

I have been saying this for the past two and a half years. The way development is taking place in Jammu and Kashmir and India is treading ahead on path of development, people on the other side would never like to struggle to make both ends meet. People across the border are witnessing growth in J&K. A few months back, they had even shouted slogans in favour of India. It will happen on its own.

India-China border dispute is also an issue being raised by opposition? Are talks with China on?

Talks are progressing well. Both sides hope to find a solution to issues and border standoff in eastern Ladakh.

Opposition, especially in UP, is making Agniveer scheme an issue? Do you plan to fine-tune it in future?

Let the outcome of the scheme be there. After working for four years in Army, an 18-19-year-old will have at least ₹11 lakh in his hand. They will get quota in various services. However, let me say, we are open to make improvement.

You are an MP from Lucknow. What are your prospects?

I think people of Lucknow would be better placed to say anything about my prospects.

ELECTION2024

SAD Chandigarh candidate quits

Hardeep Singh, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) Lok Sabha candidate from Chandigarh, resigned from the primary membership of the party. While addressing a press conference, Singh said he took this decision because he did not receive any support from the party and was facing a lack of funds to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Hardeep Singh's father, Gurnam Singh, and his brother, Malkiat Singh, were councillors in Chandigarh in 2006 and 2011. However, they both passed away while serving their terms.

Gehlot appointed Amethi observer

Congress has appointed former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot as the senior observer for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Amethi, a constituency of significant historical importance for the Gandhi family, much like Rae Bareli. Despite being a stronghold, Rahul Gandhi has suffered defeat at the hands of Smriti Irani in Amethi in the last election. In response, Congress has selected Kishori Lal Sharma as its candidate from Amethi.

65 with criminal cases in 1st phase

As many as 65 of 243 candidates remained in the fray for the first phase of assembly elections in Odisha have criminal cases pending against them, according to a report of the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR). In the first phase, voting for 28 assembly constituencies along with four Lok Sabha seats will be held on May 13. Out of 65 (27 per cent) candidates, who have declared criminal cases against themselves, 48 (20 per cent) are facing serious criminal charges, said the ADR.

BIHAR

'Jungle raj' to prevail if INDIA partners form govt, says Shah

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

HOME Minister **Amit Shah** on Monday said 'jungle raj'(lawlessness) would prevail in the country if opposition INDI alliance comes to power at the centre.

Addressing an election rally in Bihar's Ujiarpur Lok Sabha constituency from where minister of state for home Nityanand Rai is contesting as BJP candidate, Shah said that Bihar had witnessed 'jungle raj' during the RJD regime.

"Since Lalu's Lalu Prasad's Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) is a part of opposition INDI alliance, a similar jungle raj-like situation would rule the country," he warned amid thunderous applause.

Terming Congress "anti-backward" and also opposed to their reservation, Shah said that reservations were given to Muslims in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh by respective state governments. The quotas would be abolished in the two states once the BJP forms government.

He said that the Congress government in Karnataka provided 5% reservation to Muslims overnight by slashing reservation quotas of the Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) sans any survey. A similar policy was adopted by the Andhra Pradesh government where Muslims were provided 4% reservation by cutting into reservation quotas of Backward Classes.

"Providing reservation on the basis of religion is against the Constitutional norms. There is no such provision in the constitution," he said, adding that all such steps were taken by Congress governments keeping vote banks in mind.

"You know better who the vote bank of Congress is," he asserted. Lalu Prasad and his son Tejashwi Prasad Yadav were aligning with the Congress, which had opposed reservations to the Backward Classes, he alleged.

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MADHYA PRADESH

Will remove SC-mandated 50% cap on reservation, says Rahul

ANURAAG SINGH @Bhopal

ASSERTING that saving the Constitution and protecting the rights of the poor were the prime issues in the Lok Sabha polls, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday reiterated his promise to remove the Supreme Court-mandated 50% cap on caste-based reservation and increase the quota benefits if the INDIA bloc comes to power.

Addressing two poll rallies in support of three Lok Sabha candidates in MP's tribal-dominated Malwa-Nimar region, Gandhi said, "Narendra Modi and his party leaders want to snatch away the reservation benefits. But we promise to increase quota beyond the 50% limit for Dalits, tribals, backward classes and the poor on coming to power at the Centre. We'll get the Supreme Court-mandated 50% cap on reservation removed."

Gandhi raised the July 2023 issue of a viral video which showed an alleged BJP man peeing on a poor tribal man in MP's Sidhi district. "When Modiji comes here tomorrow, ask him why his men urinate on tribals, and why they want to abolish the Constitution and end the reservation benefits."

Referring to the BJP's poll slogan "Abki Baar 400 paar," the Congress leader claimed, "Forget 400, they are not even getting 150 seats."

He also listed the promises made in the Congress's poll manifesto, including guaranteed MSP to farmers, waiving off farmers' loans, ₹1 lakh annually in the bank accounts of one woman of every poor family, guaranteed apprenticeship training to every graduate for one year fetching ₹1 lakh, and doubling the payment of anganwadi and ASHA workers.

While maintaining the LS polls are being fought to save the Constitution, Gandhi said, "BJP and RSS want to finish this, change this. And the Congress and INDIA bloc are trying to save this. This Constitution has given you rights on jal (water), jangal (forest), zameen (land). Narendra Modi wants to remove them, he wants full power," he said, holding a copy of the Constitution.

Eight seats in western and south-western MP go to polls in the fourth phase on May 13, which is the last phase in the state. The BJP won the eight seats in 2014 and 2019.

Gandhi addressed the twin Nyaya Sankalp Sabhas in Alirajpur and Khargone districts in support of three candidates – Porlal Kharte (Khargone-ST), Narendra Patel (Khandwa) and former union minister Kantilal Bhuria (Ratlam-ST).

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BJP CANDIDATE

FIR against Abhijit over attack on sacked teachers

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @Kolkata

AN FIR has been registered against former Justice of Calcutta High Court and BJP candidate Abhijit Ganguly on Monday. Justice Ganguly is the BJP candidate from Tamluk in the Lok Sabha elections, He has been charged with alleged vandalism, attempted murder, and other serious offences.

The FIR was registered based on the complaint lodged by the teachers who had lost their jobs. Sources said, on Saturday, the BJP held a rally before Ganguly was going to file his nomination. However, a commotion started when the procession was passing through the place, where a group of dismissed school teachers were sitting on a hunger strike near Tamluk Hospital.

As the situation got tense with slogans and counter-slogans, a section of BJP workers allegedly vandalised the dais where the teachers were sitting. The dismissed teachers were also allegedly assaulted by the saffron party workers.

Later, a large contingent of the police force brought the situation under control. It was alleged that teachers were injured in the incident.

A complaint was lodged at Tamluk Police Station against several BJP workers, including Ganguly, based on which police have registered an FIR. The complainants reportedly said there would be a larger problem across the state if the culprits were not arrested soon.

WOOING VOTERS

Businesses in MP offer discounts, incentives

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

WITH the voter turnout declining in the first two phases of the Lok Sabha polls compared to the 2019 elections, not only the Election Commission of India (ECI) but also various sections of society are working to increase voting in the remaining two phases – May 7 and May 13 – in Madhya Pradesh.

Spanning from business and trading bodies to a prominent commuting app and medical associations, concessions and incentives are being announced across the remaining 17 constituencies to boost polling in the central Indian state.

In Bhopal, which goes to polls on Tuesday, many prominent markets have announced discussions and concessions to customers who come for shopping after exercising their franchise. The trader's body at New Market – one of the oldest markets in the state capital – has declared that the market will open after 2 pm on Tuesday to ensure that all the traders and their employees vote with their families. Further, the market's management body has announced discounts and concessions to customers who vote in Tuesday's polls.

In MP Nagar, another key commercial area of MP capital, similar announcements have been made, while the Bhopal Sweets and Namkeen Association too have made similar declarations to boost the poll percentage.

The Rapido App, a prominent commute app, has announced free rides on priority to voters in the city. The Karond agricultural Mandi in the city has declared a closure on Monday-Tuesday to ensure that farmers can vote without any hassles. Those farmers who vote in the polls will be honoured by the Mandi management later.

In Bhind district, which forms part of the Bhind-Datia constituency (also voting on Tuesday), the organizers of an ongoing mega fair have announced mega discounts for customers coming to the fair after voting. The Bhind-Datia seat had reported minimum polling among all the 29 seats of MP in 2014 and 2019 with 45.63% and 54.42% polling, respectively.

In Morena district, which too will vote in the third phase on Tuesday, the famous Mungaude (snacks) sellers have announced discounts. In the same district, the local Indian Medical Association (IMA) chapter's member doctors have decided free treatment for all those who vote in the festival of democracy on Tuesday.

Among the constituencies of western and south-western MP, similar incentives have been announced by trader bodies in many districts.

The idea of the nation is one of the most powerful anaesthetics that man has invented

Rabindranath Tagore

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— **Ramnath Goenka**

GODREJ BUSINESS SPLIT A LESSON FOR FAMILY ENTERPRISES

THE Godrej group has amicably split the family business into two, without the melodrama seen in many other family-run businesses. Corporate India has seen disputes in family-run businesses getting nasty, ruining the group image. Such disputes also shake investor confidence and affect the medium- to long-term performance of a company. The Godrej family business split is a lesson for family-run businesses to adopt a more practical approach when it comes to succession planning and division of business. Ultimately, the name and prosperity of the family members depend on the success of the business they run.

The Godrej family business has been sorted into an 'enterprises group' and an 'industries group'. The first comprises Godrej & Boyce and its affiliates, with presence across industries such as aviation, defence and IT. It will now be controlled by Jamshyd Godrej as chairperson and managing director, Nyrika Holkar as executive director, and their families. The industries group—which includes the listed companies Godrej Industries, Godrej Consumer Products, Godrej Properties, Godrej Agrovet and Astec Lifesciences—will have Nadir Godrej as chairperson and will be controlled by Adi Godrej, Nadir Godrej and their families. Both the groups will continue to use the Godrej brand. The split clearly shows that the family adopted a business-first approach while trying to accommodate the ambitions of the next generation.

Unfortunately, not many business families are able to execute such a plan and end up going public with their differences. The Singhanias of Raymond have been in a bitter family feud over the control of the company. Baba Kalyani of Bharat Forge has been in a legal battle with his sisters over the partition of the company. There are others like the Murugappas and Kirloskars who have also been engaged in bitter succession fights. Of course, who would forget the fight between the Ambani brothers two decades ago? Such disputes put a big question mark on the future of family businesses. Investors would always be wary of such eventualities unless the family members devise a cordial succession plan years in advance of a forced reckoning. In India, 350 out of the 500 top listed companies are family-owned. So it's important for the country's economy that these companies manage family disputes well.

ANDHRA SIDES MAKE SIMILAR PROMISES

AN election manifesto may be hotly debated in the media and among intellectuals, but when it comes to the common man, not each and every point is discussed threadbare. A few standout promises percolate to the grassroots. This time though, manifestos have become a talking point both at the national and state levels, especially in Andhra Pradesh, which is going to have the Lok Sabha and assembly polls simultaneously on May 13. Notwithstanding social media distortions, people broadly understand what the Congress is promising—a caste census, quotas beyond the 50 percent cap and the rather confusing wealth redistribution statement of party leader Rahul Gandhi. The BJP's manifesto is generally understood to mean continuing development. There is, of course, the debate on reservation as well.

The contrast gets interesting in Andhra Pradesh. Incumbent Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has come up with what he terms a "pragmatic" manifesto, while the opposition TDP-Jana Sena combine is out with a Praja Galam document full of freebies and the promise of creating 20 lakh jobs. This is ironic because former chief minister and TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu and Jana Sena supremo Pawan Kalyan have been accusing Jagan of emptying the treasury by distributing freebies. The two allies have promised 'Super Six' guarantees including free bus rides for women, unemployment dole of ₹3,000 a month, ₹15,000 per year for every school-going child, three free gas cylinders per family every year, ₹20,000 aid for farmers, and ₹1,500 a month to every adult woman; not to forget the ₹4,000 social security pension for the elderly. Compared to this, Jagan has marginally raised what he has been implementing for the last five years. His government has spent around ₹2.7 lakh crore on welfare schemes, which begs the question how much the TDP-Jana Sena manifesto would cost the state exchequer.

Naidu claims he knows how to create wealth and distribute it, while Jagan keeps asserting his record in keeping promises. In essence, both sides are offering more or less the same with a few variations. The only question is who can better convince voters. The track record is on Jagan's side; the ability to market his document on Naidu's. Interestingly, TDP ally BJP has neither signed up for the joint manifesto, nor does it have its own state manifesto. Silence, sometimes, speaks volumes.

QUICK TAKE

PLAN FOR THE BIG CATS

THE news that the government is trying to bring over cheetahs from Kenya—after seven of them brought from Namibia died—again raises the question of their survival. Thirteen adults and 14 cubs remain from the first lot that belongs to a south-east African sub-species of the predator; the current effort is to bring an eastern African sub-species. Given that their enclosures have not proved to be escape-proof, one big worry is about the unprecedented mix of two big-cat sub-species. The first effort upended forest-linked livelihoods and regional ecological balance. For a reiteration of such a costly, inessential move, the least we can ask for is a clear plan.

Some well-known tourist spots are underprepared against nature's vagaries and seasonal rush. One way out could be to charge a tourist tax and use it to help lesser-known destinations

HOW TO DEAL WITH THE EPIDEMIC OF OVERTOURISM

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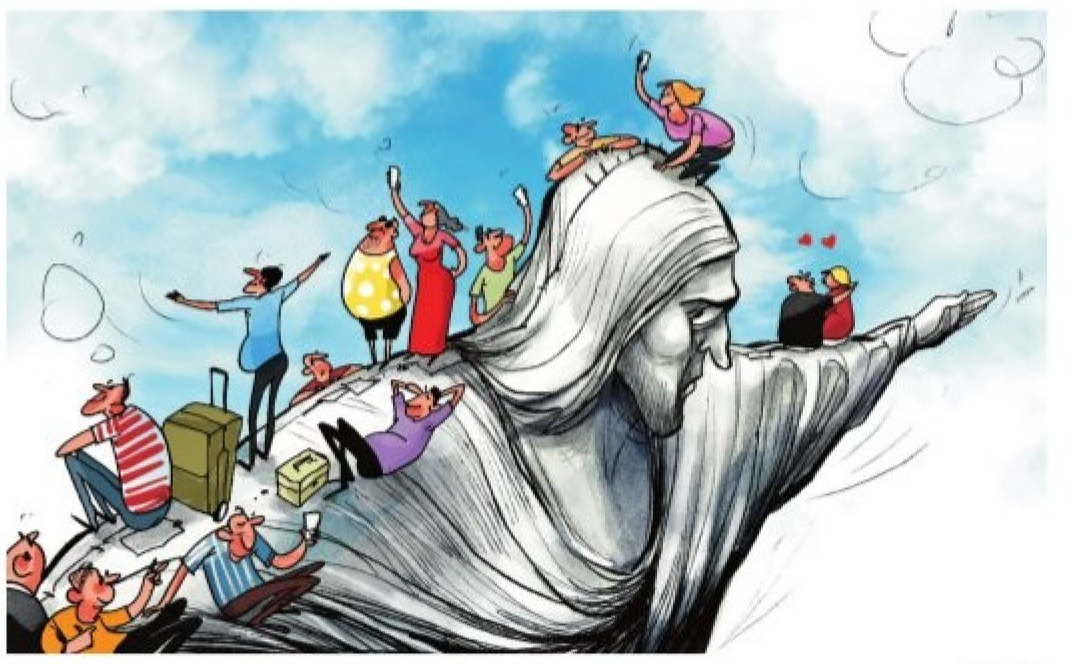

SOURAV ROY

I drove over to Udhagamandalam or Ooty the other day. The idea was to spend two precious nights in cooler climes, enjoy a much-craved-for break and come back refreshed. Ooty was cool for sure. Additional bonus: It rained cats and dogs. Thunderstorms were the norm. The traffic on narrow mountain roads was jammed, and reminded me of good old Bengaluru and its bumper to bumper traffic. Every tourist attraction I passed made the traffic move slower. There were people everywhere. All in a hurry, but nowhere to go, thanks to the traffic jam.

This holiday was no holiday really. I can imagine the plight of the holiday-goers coming in from distant locations and standing in sweaty queues to get their entry ticket to the Botanical Garden, the Rose Garden and the brand new Karnataka Siri Horticulture Garden.

Ooty is a big holiday destination for literally everyone. Come school holiday season, everyone makes a beeline to the queen of the hills. Just to get jammed. Chaos is most certainly a big part of the Indian holiday for sure. A lot of us enjoy it as well.

Even as I bemoan the state of the tourist as she knifes out a holiday from the chaos, I equally pity the life and times of the locals. Every hill station like Ooty, Kodaikanal, Yercaud, Shimla, Nainital and more has a local populace. This populace is of two kinds. Those who live there, having bought into a hill-station lifestyle for one. This segment is full of complaints. This segment even moves out during the busy season, unable to bear the sight of what happens. The second segment of people are those who make a living out of the tourist populace. Every hotelier, restaurant, cab driver, tourist guides and their ilk love this season. This is the time money is made. Even out of the mayhem.

As tourist destinations in India struggle to manage tourist populations, overcrowding and over-clutter of every kind, the world is waking up to the buzz phrase of tourism over-exploited: overtourism.

Is overtourism here then as a monster to be battled by local populaces? The tourist and the local have a love-hate relationship. A Goan hates and loves the tourist. The one who makes money out of the tourist loves it all. The one who is a resident and hates all that the tourist brings (which includes noise, clutter, alcohol, drugs and more) hates it completely. There is nothing in between. What's the solution then?

Public interest litigations have been the norm in this space. There are scores of people who come out and object to every piece of overcrowding and every piece of noise-pollution that destroys the old ecosystem for which the destination has become what it has become today.

Recent examples of solutions that dot the overtourism space are interesting items to take note of. The Madras High Court, for one, has issued a notification that vehicles that enter Ooty and Kodaikanal from May 7 to June 30, 2024, need to procure a pre-registered e-pass for entry and use. A clean way to control in advance what goes in and out of these high-traffic holiday destinations. In many ways, this is going to pave the way for controlled and monitored tourism. In many other ways, spontaneity will die, and hard planning and control will replace it all.

Tourism as we know it across the most happening spots across the world will change as local populaces protest. The earning part of the local populace will still want the tourist in, but will want it all regulated as well. The non-monetising part of the populace will want it all stopped completely. The key idea is to get back to the pristine ways of cool Coonoor, or equally the pristine hygiene heights of Mount Everest. In many ways, the concept of rewilding seems to resonate with every destination that has been over-exploited. Must a section of Machu Picchu be declared a no-tourist zone for ten years just to let it rejuvenate and go the natural way?

As of now, the whole over-exploited parts of the tourism world are up in arms. Those that have not woken up yet, will. Tourism has traditionally been considered a nice and happy activity that gets people to travel and discover new places, enjoy the local offering, spend some money and return to their normal city lives. Not anymore. Tourism is progressively getting a bad name. From the receiving end of the tourist, local populaces have enjoyed the attention in the beginning. Distant and otherwise rural hamlets have come to the mainstream, at times rivalling the incomes of big cities in their neighbourhood. This very population is now under struggle to maintain the ecosystem of the original destination. Ooty for one had hills and dales. These are far and few now. In the Middle Ages of Ooty's transition, the hills had green cabbage patches. Even that is a thing of the past today. Construction of every variety, both temporary and permanent, has made this holiday destination a shanty town of kinds. The goose that laid the golden eggs has been cooked. The weather is still good, thanks to nature and its kindness. But for how long?

Overtourism is today a word that defines the over-exploitation of greed. When there are too many tourists anywhere, that is overtourism. But what is too much? The greed to exploit knows sustainability tricks. Every generation exploits for itself and for the fabled comfort of its next generation. In the bargain, there are too many hotels that come up, too many restaurants, and too many other standard accoutrements of comfort a tourist looks forward to. The tourist comes in, spends his money, and speeds out. The tourist-class persona in every tourist destination benefits. Livelihoods continue to thrive. The investor makes his money. Salaries get paid out. The destination gets nothing back.

The standard complaint of an overtourism-affected destination is that it gets robbed of its pristine glory, gets overcrowded, and gets no time to regenerate to face another season. Spain, Italy and Croatia are classic destinations that have brought overtourism to the centre stage.

What are the solutions then? A tourist tax that is staggered over the season and non-season is a possible one. Money has a way of restricting entry, but will this make every destination available only for the elite classes who can afford it? For me, a great thing would be self-regulation as far as a tourist is concerned. When you decide on a destination, check out a lesser-known similar destination. Precious tourism money will move to the more needy locations and lessen the burden on the already overburdened ones.

The next time round, it's not Ooty for me. It will be Yelagiri instead. What say?

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3 PARTIES COMBINE TO MAKE BENGAL A BIPOLAR CONTEST

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THE election battle in West Bengal is moving southwards with the third phase of polling on Tuesday, when the quiet shift in political strategy of anti-BJP consolidation will unfold in full strength, threatening Narendra Modi-Amit Shah's fantastical ambition of winning 20-35 of the state's 42 parliamentary seats. The contest in the 36 seats where elections will be held over the next five phases will be competitive and three-cornered. Election 2024 is different: this time, the Trinamool Congress, the Congress and the CPI(M)-led Left Front are competing to defeat the BJP.

Having a common foe does not make the election easier for the contestants. It does, however, make it easier for voters to choose, because there are only two sides in the fight—against the BJP or for any of the other three. There is a ripple in West Bengal's politics that the CPI(M) is set to make a small but significant comeback by reversing the outflow of its votes to the BJP that was evident in the 2019 Lok Sabha and the 2021 assembly elections. The big jump in BJP's vote share to just over 40 percent in 2019, up from 17 percent in 2014, happened because there was a sharp fall in the CPI(M)'s vote share—from nearly 30 percent in 2014 to 7.5 percent in 2019, as the bulk of voters shifted right and a smaller number shifted to Trinamool.

The Congress and CPI(M) failed to win even one seat in the 2021 state assembly elections; in 2019, the CPI(M) was reduced to nil and the Congress salvaged two seats, including the party's former Lok Sabha Leader of the Opposition Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's Baharampur constituency, which he has held from 1999, and Maldah Dakshin, a family stronghold of the legendary A B A Ghani Khan Choudhury.

The anticipation is the CPI(M) will return to centre-stage Indian politics via a change of fortune in West Bengal, starting with Murshidabad, where state secretary and politburo member Mohammad Salim is contesting against BJP's Gauri Shankar Ghosh and Trinamool incumbent Abu Taher Khan.

The re-entry of the CPI(M) as a strong contender would be bad news for the BJP. The shift of voters from the CPI(M) to the BJP evident in 2021 and 2019, and fed its ambitions of winning big in West Bengal. It transformed West Bengal electoral politics into a bipolar contest from a three-cornered or four-cornered fight.

The perception is that CPI(M)'s voters and its workers are returning to the party fold. The perception also is that votes will be transferred from the Congress to the CPI(M) as part of the seat sharing arrangement. And then there is the political message that is being delivered by all three parties turning the 2024 election into an anti-BJP consolidation. The expectation for Murshidabad is that this will deliver a win for Mohammad Salim.

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Trinamool, Congress and CPI(M) are together trying to paint the BJP as an anti-Bengal party. An incipient revival of the CPI(M) under Mohammed Salim could decide this equation. At the last few elections in the state, the BJP profited from Left voters turning to the Right

All this implies in the remaining 36 seats, voters are being nudged to decide tactically—to choose the best candidate to defeat BJP. The Trinamool, Congress and CPI(M) campaigns have changed to focus their attacks on the BJP, painting it to be anti-West Bengal. Remarkably, all three parties have identical lists covering the failures of the Modi regime and its communally divisive policies—joblessness, inequality, price rise, corruption, Mandir politics and selective sympathy for women.

The choice for voters has boiled down to one big question: will West Bengal benefit or suffer from electing a BJP representative? By reminding voters that the Centre has always discriminated against West Bengal, treated it in step-motherly fashion, as former finance minister Ashok Mitra famously said, the trio has invoked a deep-rooted distrust. The Congress, CPI(M) and Trinamool's coordinated efforts in the 17th Lok Sabha, spearheaded by Mamata Banerjee, that the Modi regime deliberately withheld people's money due for MGNREGA jobs and housing subsidies has stirred memories of past injustice.

The CPI(M), instead of scattering its dwindled political capital and resources, has concentrated its efforts on 10 seats, all of them in South Bengal. In some seats, like Serampore, held by Trinamool leader Kalyan Banerjee, and Jadavpur, where the ruling party's youth icon Saayoni Ghosh is the candidate, the CPI(M) has decided that it needs to regain ground.

The strategy is to win small and regain voters in other places, especially younger voters. As party boss Salim admits, the CPI(M) lost the confidence of an overwhelming number of voters who belonged to families that had supported the party across generations. The party lost support in urban strongholds like Jadavpur, just as it lost support in rural strongholds in Hooghly and the old Burdwan district, now split in two.

Riding on the back of the opposition consolidation, the CPI(M) is working on reviving the rural base and reconnecting with urban voters. It seems to have banked its hopes on constituencies where the Trinamool appears weaker for a variety of reasons, and in the expectation that votes from the Congress will be transferred to give it an advantage in an election where there is no pro-Modi wave.

The CPI(M)'s optimism is based on a hunch that the political mood is changing and the balance that was tilted after 2014 between the Right and the Left, with the Middle holding the Centre, is likely to be restored in 2024. The revival of the Left is therefore crucial to the collective opposition's expectation that the tide may be turning again.

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Eradicate ragging

Ref: *UGC bid to give teeth to anti-ragging measures* (May 6). The incidence of suicides that follow the ragging of newcomers by senior students in professional colleges is terrible. It is high time the concept of 'ragging' is eradicated from the minds of students by strictly implementing the UGC's recommendations.

S Chockalingam, Kottaram

Appalling behaviour

Many times, anti-ragging rules are framed but their implementation remains on paper only. This menace has been so appalling that many freshers have committed suicide. Let us hope the positive steps initiated by UGC will bring a change and freshers will enjoy a congenial atmosphere with their seniors in their institutions.

Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

Balanced perspective

Ref: *Katchatheevu in headlines again after 5 decades* (May 6). The Katchatheevu issue has many historical, political and geopolitical dimensions. We can understand India's worries about China influencing the area, which also affects our fishermen. This pushes us for a more balanced perspective that would include Sri Lanka's sovereignty concerns and the importance of dialogue for resolution.

Ashribad Sahu, Rayagada

Spiritual quest

Ref: *The saint behind 30 percent of Kashmiri idioms & proverbs* (May 6). Picking up the thread from where it was left in her earlier article about three women saints, the author has excellently narrated the life story of Lal Ded. Her long and unquenchable spiritual quest for life truth was matchless.

R Sampath, Chennai

Water problems

In this oppressive heat during this summer, the Southern Railways' move to reduce the supply of water in trains is unfortunate. Some passengers in a few intercity and long-distance trains were made to suffer because of this, which is appalling. With trains running at full occupancy due to the summer rush, water scarcity on trains needs to be alleviated early.

S Sankaranarayanan, Chennai

Moderate speech

While canvassing in the northern states, the prime minister is seeming quite severe against the Muslim community. The Indian government is already at loggerheads with Pakistan, Maldives and China. This sort of hate speech against Muslims may lead to disquiet among countries with large Muslim populations.

Kiruba Arul, Palayamkottai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Yashwant Sinha @YashwantSinha
Prime Minister takes every step keeping the elections in mind. That is why the policies in the economic sector and other areas have become extremely wrong.

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
Was Modi's promise to deliver promise for Special Category Status to AP a jumla? Why is he so keen on selling the Vizag Steel Plant to his friends?

Abhishek Singhvi @DrAMSinghvi
Along with the elections, the PM is lowering his own standards by inventing a new type of Jihad and targeting minority institutions and temples.

The participants at a session, The Great Bengal Narrative of 2024, of Express Dialogues – Kolkata

'Mamata schemes working in rural areas of Bengal'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

THE emerging strategy within the CPM in West Bengal in this Lok Sabha election is that the party should make its way up to be counted as a strong Opposition and then project itself as a winning candidate for the next Assembly polls.

"This year we are campaigning in such a way that we can emerge as a strong Opposition and in the next Assembly election, we should be able to form the government," said Saira Shah Halim, the CPM candidate from South Kolkata constituency.

The Left Front ruled West Bengal for seven consecutive terms 1977–2011, five with Jyoti Basu as Chief Minister and two under Buddhadev Bhattacharya. The CPM was the dominant force in the alliance.

Halim's remarks came at a panel discussion under the aegis of Kolkata Dialogues organised by this newspaper.

One of the participants in the discussion, veteran cardiac surgeon Dr Kunal Sarkar, however, felt that the current Lok Sabha elections do not hold any special significance for Bengal as the narratives of all political parties was almost similar. "They are all fighting for their own existence," he said.

Other members of the panel thought that freebee politics played an important role in elections in every state and that this Lok Sabha election was not an exception.

Professor of Political Science at Presidency University Dr Zaad Mahmud said although the state lacked infrastructure and employment generation plans amid a series of scams, there are still "60% chances" of TMC getting an edge. "In districts, people are still happy with the schemes that have been offered by the ruling Trinamool."

Khalistani terrorists with Canada links on NIA radar

Agencies list separatists, gangsters amid row over Nijjar killing

MUKESH RANJAN @New Delhi

AMID a diplomatic row between New Delhi and Ottawa, intelligence and investigative agencies have prepared a list of pro-Khalistan terrorists and gangsters living in Canada or having links with them, officials said. These terrorists and gangsters are wanted by the National Investigation Agency.

The ties between India and Canada witnessed an all-time low after Ottawa accused New Delhi's involvement in the killing of Khalistan separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June last year. But New Delhi took a serious objection to the allegations that Indian agents were involved in the murder, calling them as "baseless".

Nijjar was shot dead outside a gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia, on the evening of June 18, 2023. He was designated a terrorist by NIA in 2020.

Officials in the agencies said there have been multiple instances in the past where India expressed its concerns with authorities in Canada about the growing sentiment of separatism and provided dossiers on the Khalistani terrorists living there and the threat to India posed by them.

In one of the meetings with Canadian authorities, the Indian side had asked for actions against such elements living in their country, the officials said. "No doubt terrorism is being supported and funded by Pakistan, but there are places across the world, including Canada, which have become safe havens from where such elements are operating," said a senior intelligence official, noting that requests have been sent to nations to hand over such operatives to India to face the charges.

Meanwhile, the NIA, particularly since former Punjab DGP Dinkar Gupta took charge of the anti-terror probe agency, launched a massive crackdown on the Khalistani-gangster network and prepared a list over 17 notorious accused who have links with Canada, the officials said. Most of them have been designated as "individual terrorists" by the MHA under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), they said.

The terrorists and gangsters listed by the agencies include Satinderjeet Singh (Goldy Brar) born in Punjab's Muktsar district, Arshdeep Singh Gill (Arsh Dala), associated with Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF), Lakhbir Singh (Landa), a Babbar Khalsa leader, Sukhpreet Singh (Budda), linked to pro-Khalistan elements in Canada and Pakistan, Harpreet Uppal, based in Canada. Others include Jasdeep Singh, Virender Pratap alias Kala Rana, Joginder Singh, Vikramjit Singh alias Vikram Brar, Darman Singh alias Darmaniot Kahlon, Surender Singh alias Chiku, Sunny Dagar, Naveen Dabas alias Naveen Bali, Jagseer Singh alias Jagga, Bhupinder Singh alias Bhupi Rana and Daler Singh.

CRACKDOWN ON NEXUS

THE LIST OF DESIGNATED TERRORISTS HAVING LINKS WITH CANADA OR LIVING OVERSEAS:

SATINDERJEET SINGH (Goldy Brar)
Indian gangster, who was born in Punjab's Muktsar district. He is wanted by the NIA in connection with murder, attempted murder and drug trafficking

ARSHDEEP SINGH GILL (Arsh Dala)
He is from the Dalla village in the Moga district of Punjab and is associated with extremist groups, including Khalistan Tiger Force and the International Sikh Youth Federation

LAKHBIR SINGH (Landa)
He is a Babbar Khalsa International leader and hails from Tarn Taran in Punjab. He is accused of being the key conspirator in planting an IED under a sub-inspector's car in Amritsar

SUKHPREET SINGH (Budda)
Brought to India following deportation from Armenia. He came into the limelight because of his links with pro-Khalistan elements in Canada and Pakistan

HARPREET UPPAL
He is an Indian-origin Sikh "gang member" based in Canada. He is identified as a 'high-level gang member' involved in drug trade

Question paper leak claim baseless, says testing body

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE National Testing Agency (NTA) on Monday denied reports of question paper leak of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test Undergraduate (NEET UG) 2024, saying that the claims made on social media are "completely baseless and without any grounds."

Highlighting that every question paper has been "accounted for," the NTA said that the purported images of the question paper being circulated on social media have no relation with the actual paper.

The NEET-UG examination, held on Sunday, was conducted across 4,750 centres in 571 cities, including 14 cities abroad.

"It has been ascertained from NTA's security protocols and Standard Operating Procedures that the Social Media Posts pointing towards any paper leak are completely baseless and without any ground. To put rumours to rest, it is also stated that every single Question Paper has been accounted for," Sadhana Parashar, Senior Director, the NTA said. It noted that after the gate of the examination centres are closed, no one from outside is permitted access inside the halls.

NTA said that there was one incident at a centre in Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan, where some students forcibly took away the question papers before the conclusion of the examination.

A picture of this QP is being linked to an alleged incident of a paper leak which is mischievous and preposterous, the NTA said.

It added that there is no way any external person/agency can access the centres, once the examination started.

It clarified that all other photographs of QPs have no relation to the actual examination question paper which has been administered. However, it said that there have been cases of malpractice/impersonation where strict action has been taken. NTA said it has also conducted post-exam data analysis, to detect cases of unfair means.

Action on UFM cases is taken as per extant rules, which includes cancellation of candidature and debarment from future examinations, it added.

The NEET UG 2024 saw record-high registrations this year, with over 24 lakh students registering, the highest ever, with over 10 lakh male students, and over 13 lakh female students.

This increase was facilitated by opting for several smaller cities as centers, especially in the Northeast, apart from Puducherry, Jammu and Kashmir, and other states.

The clarification came after Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadhra took to X, formerly known as Twitter, and claimed that the future of 24 lakh youth of the country has been messed up once again with the NEET paper leak.

Soren moves SC after HC rejects plea against arrest

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@New Delhi

FORMER Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Monday filed an appeal in the Supreme Court against the state High Court's order rejecting his plea challenging his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case.

The chief minister moved the top court after the Jharkhand HC dismissed his plea on Friday. He had filed the plea in the High Curt challenging his arrest in a money laundering case.

Appearing for Soren, senior lawyer Kapil Sibal mentioned the matter before a bench of the top court, led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud for early listing of the case. The CJI asks him to send an email containing his request. Sibal requested the apex court for an urgent listing of his plea into the case.

The bench also comprising JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra assured Sibal that they would look into the matter for listing it at an earlier date when they would receive an email from him.

Pleading for an early listing of the case, Sibal told the bench that the election phase in Jharkhand will begin from May 13.

The lawyer further alleged, "We have filed the SLP (Special Leave Petition) but it was very unfortunate that rights are being trampled in this fashion."

While the Jharkhand HC bench led by acting chief justice S Chandrashekhar heard the matter and had reserved its verdict on February 28, it pronounced the judgment on May 3 wherein it rejected his plea.

Soren has been in jail since his arrest by the ED on January 31 in connection with his alleged involvement in a money laundering case.

The former chief minister, however, claimed innocence and said that he was neither involved in the money laundering case nor in "any illegal act."

"The first phase of election starts in the state on May 13 and so we moved this court under Article 32 of the Constitution, and notice was issued last week... It's very unfortunate that rights are being trampled in this fashion," he added.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Bail to Ansari in MCC violation case

The Supreme Court granted anticipatory bail to Umar Ansari, son of gangster-politician the late Mukhtar Ansari, in a case of alleged violation of the model code of conduct during the 2022 UP assembly elections. The bench asked Umar Ansari to appear before the trial court which will enlarge him on bail.

SC to hear plea on U'khand forest fires

The Supreme Court said on Monday it will hear on May 8 a plea on forest fires in Uttarakhand where 910 such incidents have occurred since November 1 last year damaging forests in about 1145 hectares. The matter came up for hearing before a bench of Justices B R Gavai and Sandeep Mehta.

SC extends stay on CBI probe in school jobs scam

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday extended its earlier order and asked the CBI not to take any coercive action till May 7, against West Bengal government officers after the Calcutta High Court cancelled 25,000 appointments of teaching and non-teaching staff.

The matter would be heard by CJI DY Chandrachud-led bench on May 7. Due to paucity of time on Monday, the SC had to defer its hearing for May 7.

On April 24, the Bengal government had filed an appeal in the top court against the HC's order invalidating and cancelling the appointment of 25,753 teachers made by the state's School Service Commission (SSC) in state-run schools.

Challenging the HC's order, the state government, in its appeal said the appointments were cancelled "arbitrarily", and without any proper reasoning.

ISRO achieves milestone to boost LVM3's lift capacity

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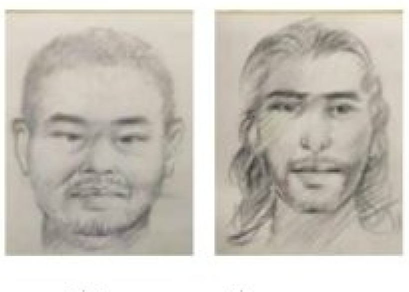
THE Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully tested the ignition on the Semi Cryogenic Pre-Burner Ignition Test Article (PITA) which will help in enhancing the payload capability of the Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3), frequently used by the space agency for its missions. This achievement comes as a major milestone for ISRO in the development of semi-cryogenic propulsion systems. This is one step closer for ISRO in developing a 2000 kN thrust semi-cryogenic engine working on liquid oxygen (LOX) Kerosene propellant combination for future launch vehicles.

"The ignition process is one of the most critical parts in the development of liquid rocket engine systems. With the successful ignition of the semi-cryo pre burner, a major milestone in the semi-cryo engine development has been achieved," the space agency announced.

As part of the engine development, a pre-burner ignition test article, which is a full complement of the engine power head system excluding the turbopumps is realized. This successful test will increase the lift capacity of the vehicles and also help in the realisation of the Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV), currently under work. "The first ignition trial was conducted successfully on May 2, 2024, at semi-cryo integrated engine test facility (SIET) at IPRC, Mahendragiri. Smooth and sustained ignition of the preburner is demonstrated which is vital for the starting of the semi-cryogenic engine," said ISRO on Monday.

The semi-cryogenic engine ignition is achieved using a start fuel ampule which uses a combination of Triethyle Alumnide and Triethyle Boro. The fuel was developed by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre and was used for the first time in ISRO in the 2000 kN semi-cryogenic engine. The ignition of the back burner will be followed by development tests on the engine powerhead test article and fully integrated engine. ISRO also informed that the development of a semi-cryo stage with 120 tons of propellant loading is also under progress.



Police release sketches of militants, offer Rs 20L bounty

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE security forces on Monday released a sketch of two militants involved in Saturday's attack on an IAF convoy in the forest area of J&K's border district of Poonch, in which a soldier was killed and four others injured. A reward of Rs 20 lakhs has been announced for those providing information about the two militants.

For the third consecutive day, security personnel continued a search operation in the dense forest area to track down the militants involved in the attack. Police on Monday released sketches of two militants and announced a ₹20 lakh reward for sharing information about the duo.

"Anyone providing credible information leading to the arrest of the militants will be given a Rs 20 lakh award. Their identity will be kept confidential," read the lookout notice. Police have urged people to share information on four phone numbers.

A security official said the sketches of the two militants were prepared after questioning the suspects, some of whom had provided food to them.

A group of militants had fired on a convoy of IAF from a hilltop in Shahstar area of Poonch on Saturday evening. In the militant attack, an IAF warrior, Vicky Pahade, was killed and four others were injured.

Sources said over a dozen persons have been questioned by security force personnel during the ongoing search operation launched by troops in Danna Top, Shahstar, Sheindra, and Sanai Top, and other forest areas of Poonch.

Tharoor seeks probe into killing of former ATS chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

AFTER Maharashtra Congress leader sparked a row with his claims that senior IPS officer Hemant Karkare was killed by an RSS-affiliated cop, not terrorist Ajmal Kasab, Congress leader Shashi Tharoor waded into the issue demanding 'serious investigation' into the claims of his party colleague.

The controversy erupted after Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar said that terrorists did not kill former ATS chief Hemant Karkare during the Mumbai 26/11 attack, but a police officer linked to the RSS did. However, Wadettiwar later said that he quoted it from the book by former police officer SM Mushrif.

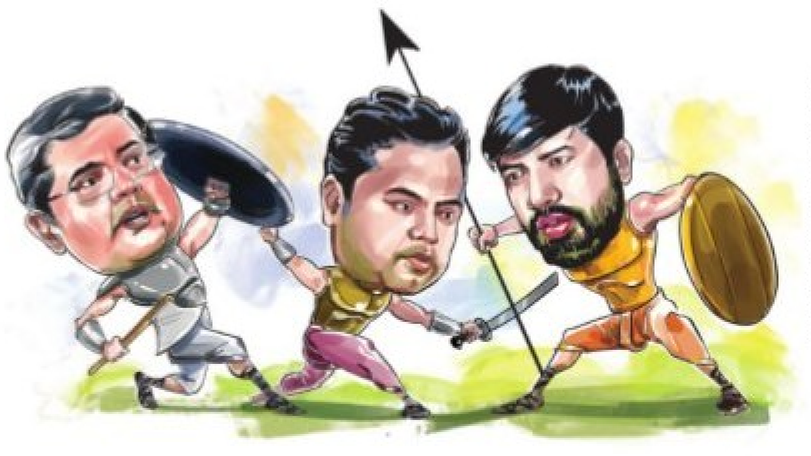
Terming the matter as 'extremely serious', Tharoor said, "Our concern is that when the LoP points to something that is an allegation and which is featured in a book by the former IG of police, SM Mushrif, who said that Ajmal Kasab could not have fired the bullets found in Karkare's body and that a police revolver could have fired it, it seems to me that this allegation should have been seriously investigated" Tharoor told the media persons.

Karkare was killed on duty during the Mumbai terror attack in 2008. Ajmal Kasab, who was caught after the attack, was hanged in Pune in 2012.

Tharoor also targeted BJP candidate Ujjwal Nikam, who was the public prosecutor in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, for claiming that Kasab was served biryani in jail.

It's Modi factor vs Biju legacy in Kendrapara

BIJAY CHAKI @ Kendrapara



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From left: Jay Panda (BJP), Anshuman Mohanty (BJD), Siddharth Swarup Das (Cong)

SHOWTIME FOR GLADIATORS

WHEN BJP's national vice-president Baijayant Jay Panda was named the party candidate for the Kendrapara Lok Sabha seat, the question on everyone's mind was if he could make it this time.

Panda had won twice from the seat in 2009 and 2014 as a BJD candidate. But electoral success seems to have deserted him after he joined the saffron party. Once a close confidant of Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Panda switched over to the BJP in 2019 after a bitter fallout with the BJD chief. He contested the 2019 Lok Sabha election as a BJP candidate but was trounced by Odia film star Anubhav Mohanty fielded by the BJD.

This time, Panda is locked in a triangular contest with Anshuman Mohanty of the BJD, the son of Nalini Kanta Mohanty, a former minister and close aide of Biju Patnaik, and Siddharth Swarup Das of the Congress, a new face with no experience of fighting election at this level.

As one traverses through Kendrapara, the election fervour seems to be conspicuous by its absence. There is no perceptible tilt, but scratch the surface and there is a simmer for change, particularly in the rural parts.

"No doubt, the BJD and its leaders have done good work in the constituency. But we should also examine what other political parties are offering. Baijayant Panda is a known leader nationally," said Biraja Das, a paan shop owner at Chhapali square under Mahakalapada Assembly segment.

The sentiment was echoed by another voter. "The time has come for a change. The same party has been ruling for too long. Development is too slow," said Sadasiv Patra of Pospura.

Basic issues such as roads, water, hospitals, schools, and unemployment are on top of voters' mind.

However, voting behaviour is more inclined to emotion and attachment, where problem-solving becomes secondary. As a youth in Kendrapara town put it — the fight is between the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Biju legacy. The legacy has held strong since former CM and Naveen's father Biju Patnaik made Kendrapara his seat and won it thrice in 1977, 1980 and 1984. The baton was passed on to the BJD, which has held it since 1998 after it came into being.

Can Panda breach the BJD bastion and help the BJP gain a foothold in coastal Odisha?

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	40	26	Mumbai	34	27
Bhopal	35	23	Panaji	32	25
Jaipur	37	24	Patna	39	24
Amritsar	35	19	Lucknow	38	22
Chennai	33	28	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	34	25	Imphal	31	17
Srinagar	24	09	Chandigarh	36	18

● Many political careers at stake in Maha contests ● BJP ambitions face reality check ● No easy ground for BJP and its allies

MAHARASHTRA

'REAL PARTIES' FIND THE GOING TOUGH IN BATTLE OF LOYALTIES

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

IN the third phase of Lok Sabha elections in Maharashtra, 11 Lok Sabha constituencies will vote on May 7. The BJP faces the challenge to retain its dominance in western Maharashtra as NCP's Sharad Pawar tries to wrest those seats in the high-voltage polls. In the third phase, two descendants of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj are also testing their luck in Satara and Kolhapur seats.

Former CM Sushil Kumar Shinde, who lost the last two general elections, is trying for his daughter, Congress MLA Praniti Shinde, from Solapur LS seat.

The Lok Sabha constituencies going to the polls are Raigad , Baramati, Dharashiv (Osmanabad), Latur , Solapur, Madha ,Sangli ,Satara ,Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Kolhapur, Hatkanangale. Two Lok Sabha constituencies are from the Konkan Division, seven are from the Pune Division, and two from the Aurangabad Division. There are 23,036 polling stations and 2,09,92,616 voters will cast their vote on May 7. As many as 258 candidates are in fray in the 11 Lok Sabha constituencies.

The third phase Lok Sabha elections is very crucial for former union minister Sharad Pawar whose party is contesting the high-profile Lok Sabha constituency Baramati, Satara, and Madha Lok sabha seats while Uddhav Thackeray has to retain Dharashiv, Hatkalangale, and Ratnagiri Sindhudurg while Congress is fighting the prestigious battle in Kolhapur, Latur, and Solapur.

"It is a real test of Sharad Pawar, Uddhav Thackeray, Ajit Pawar and Devendra Fadnavis. Each one is fighting hard to either retain or wrest old forts. Senior Sharad Pawar at the age of 84 years has again showed again that he has charisma. Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar are good election managers. However, senior Pawar and Uddhav Thackeray have a lot sympathy among voters," said a political observer.

In Baramati, third time Lok sabha MP Supriya Sule is facing an uphill challenge by her cousin Deputy CM Ajit Pawar who has fielded his spouse Sunetra Pawar against Supriya Sule. The victory and defeat of both Pawars will decide their political career in Maharashtra therefore, both junior Pawar and senior Pawar have campaigned for their candidates until the last day.

Ajit Pawar with the help of the BJP's top leadership has brought the right mathematical calculations on paper, but it will be interesting whether he has the right chemistry. Facing the loyalty test are some of his old political rivals who turned friend such as BJP's Harshvardhan Patil and Shiv Sena's Vijay Shivtare.

"The third phase is very crucial for Sharad, Uddhav, Ajit and Devendra Fadnavis. Each one is fighting hard to either retain or wrest old forts," said a political observer.

258 candidates in the fray

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GUJARAT

LOCAL-LEVEL DISQUIET, SOCIAL DISCONTENT TEST BJP AMBITIONS

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

INITIALLY presumed as a smooth sail for the BJP across all 26 seats, the party set ambitious goals, aiming for a substantial lead of five lakh in each constituency. However, the landscape has shifted. Local controversies, simmering social discontent and internal discord among party ranks have reshaped the battleground. Seven Lok Sabha seats – Surendranagar, Sabarkantha, Banskantha, Rajkot, Anand, Patan, and Junagadh – have now emerged as fiercely contested constituencies.

Surendranagar: Controversy brewed in the constituency as the candidates from the Talpada Koli and Chunwaliya Koli communities vied for the spotlight. Residents insisted on a mandate for Talpada Koli under the BJP banner this time.

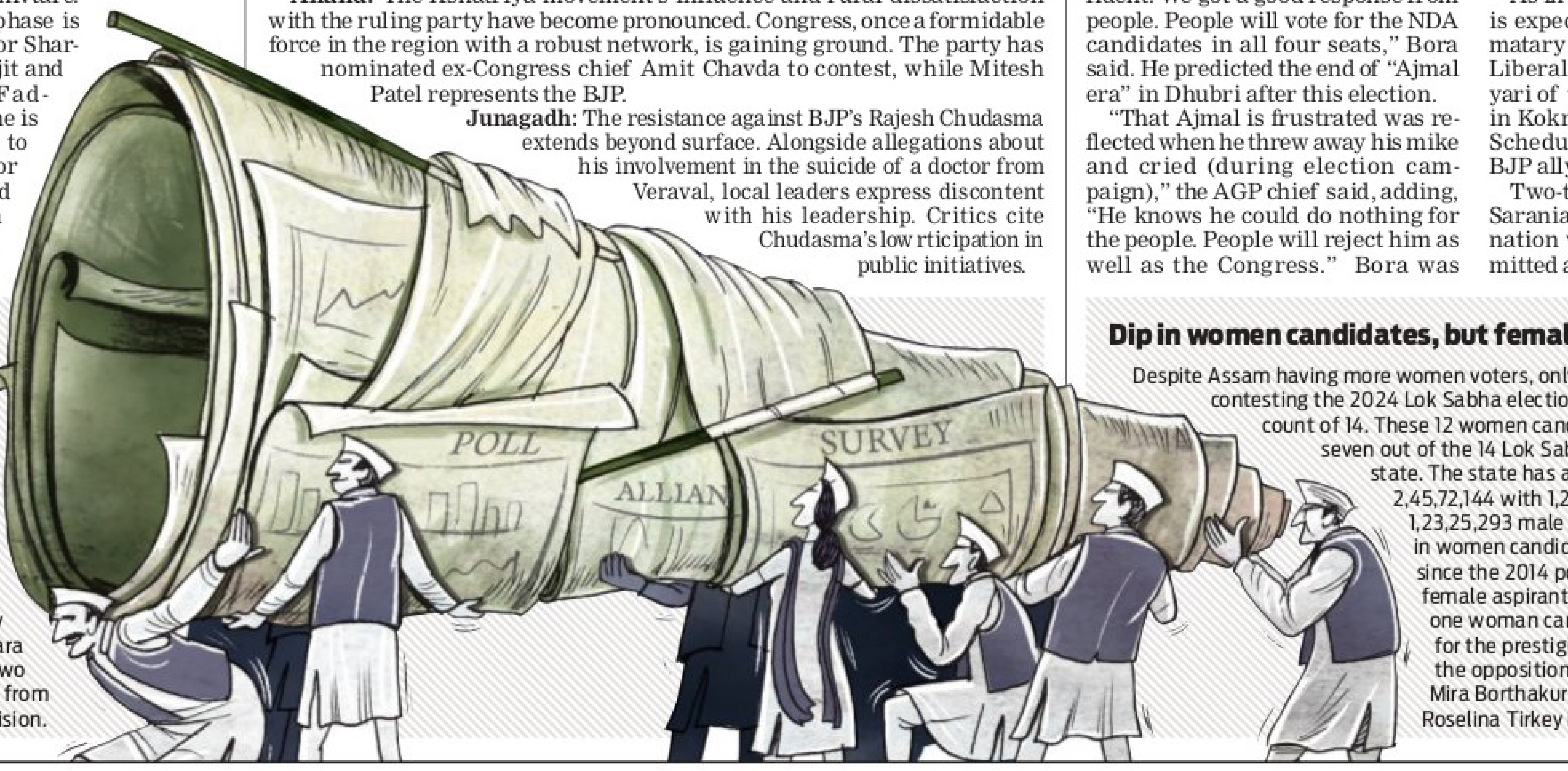
Despite this, Chandu Bhai Sihora, hailing from the Chunwaliya Koli faction, clinched the BJP ticket. The Talpada Kolis constitute a significant portion, around 3 lakh, of the nearly four-and-a-half lakh Koli voters. Conversely, the Congress nominated Ritvik Makwana, representing the Talpada Koli community, adding another layer to the dynamics.

Sabarkantha: The political arena is heating up with former CM Amar Singh Chaudhary's son, Tushar Chaudhary, stepping into the fray as the Congress candidate. In a twist of events, Shobhana Baraiya, spouse of a former Congress MLA who defected to the BJP, is also vying for the seat. Initially, BJP nominated Bhikhaji Thakor for this constituency, but amid a controversy surrounding his surname, he withdrew his candidacy, triggering protests. Supporters of Bhikhaji have expressed their discontent with the BJP.

Rajkot: Traditionally viewed as a stronghold for the BJP, it has witnessed unexpected outcomes in the past, although former Congress leaders who once shaped those results have now crossed over to the BJP. The electorate in this constituency is predominantly composed of Patidar, Koli, and Kshatriya voters. However, BJP candidate Parushottam Rupala's remarks regarding the Kshatriya community have sparked opposition from Kshatriya voters across Gujarat.

Anand: The Kshatriya movement's influence and rural dissatisfaction with the ruling party have become pronounced. Congress, once a formidable force in the region with a robust network, is gaining ground. The party has nominated ex-Congress chief Amit Chavda to contest, while Mitesh Patel represents the BJP.

Junagadh: The resistance against BJP's Rajesh Chudasma extends beyond surface. Alongside allegations about his involvement in the suicide of a doctor from Veraval, local leaders express discontent with his leadership. Critics cite Chudasma's low rticipation in public initiatives.



ASSAM

AGP HOPES TO BREAK 10-YR JINX AS ALLY BJP EXPECTS TURNAROUND

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

THE last four of Assam's 14 Lok Sabha seats will go to the polls on Tuesday with the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) hoping to break the parliamentary election jinx after 10 years.

Guwahati, Barpeta, Kokrajhar and Dhubri are the four seats going to polls. The AGP, which is a BJP ally, is contesting from Barpeta and the Muslim-majority Dhubri seats.

The AGP's Zabed Islam will take on the might of three-time sitting MP Maulana Badruddin Ajmal of the All India United Democratic Front and former minister Rakibul Hussain of the Congress in Dhubri.

The AGP fielded the veteran Phani Bhushan Choudhury in Barpeta. He will vie against Deep Bayan of the Congress among others. Both Islam and Choudhury are the NDA's consensus candidates.

On the eve of the polls, AGP president Atul Bora expressed confidence about the party's poll prospects. "I have closely watched the poll campaign across the state and I am confident. We got a good response from people. People will vote for the NDA candidates in all four seats," Bora said. He predicted the end of "Ajmal era" in Dhubri after this election.

"That Ajmal is frustrated was reflected when he threw away his mike and cried (during election campaign)," the AGP chief said, adding, "He knows he could do nothing for the people. People will reject him as well as the Congress." Bora was equally optimistic about Barpeta.

"Our candidate (Choudhury) has a wider acceptance. Had it not been so, he would not have won the Assembly elections from Bongaigaon eight times on the trot since 1985," Bora said.

The AGP was born out of the bloody Assam Agitation of early 1980s and ruled the state twice – from 1985-90 and 1996-2001.

Post-2001, it significantly lost the popular support until its virtual rebirth in 2016 when it had stitched an alliance with the BJP.

The last time the AGP won a Lok Sabha seat was in 2009 when the party's tea tribe leader Joseph Toppo was elected from Tezpur (now Sonitpur).

Meanwhile, the contest in Guwahati will be between the BJP's Bijuli Kalita Medhi and the Congress' Mira Borthakur Goswami.

Three women have represented Guwahati in the Lok Sabha so far. The first to be elected was Renuka Devi Barkakati of the Janata Party in 1977. The BJP's Bijoya Chakravarty was elected in 1999. The third is sitting MP Queen Oja, also of the BJP.

As in Guwahati, a straight contest is expected between Joyanta Basumatary of the United People's Party Liberal (UPPL) and Kampa Borgoyari of the Bodoland People's Front in Kokrajhar which is reserved for Scheduled Tribes. The UPPL is a BJP ally.

Two-time sitting MP Naba Kumar Sarania is not in the fray. His nomination was rejected as he had submitted an "invalid" ST certificate.

Dip in women candidates, but female voters matter

Despite Assam having more women voters, only 12 female candidates are contesting the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, down from the previous count of 14. These 12 women candidates are competing in seven out of the 14 Lok Sabha constituencies in the state. The state has a total electorate of 2,45,72,144 with 1,23,39,241 women voters and 1,23,25,293 male voters. This declining trend in women candidates has been continuing since the 2014 polls when there were 16 female aspirants. The ruling BJP has fielded one woman candidate, Bijuli Kalita Medhi, for the prestigious Guwahati seat, while the opposition Congress has nominated Mira Borthakur Goswami in Guwahati and Roselina Tirkey in Kaziranga

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RURAL REALITY

C'garh tribal woman with zero bank balance is Korba candidate

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

SHANTI Bai Marawi(33), a resident of Bhedrapani village in Gaurella under the Korba Lok Sabha seat, fighting as an independent candidate, has gained fame as 'zero balance' as she has no money in her bank account. Her story also shows the beauty of Indian democracy that any eligible citizen, from the wealthiest to those possessing the fewest assets, can contest the Lok Sabha or state Assembly polls.

Belonging to the Baiga community, Shanti decided to contest the parliamentary polls with a 'grievance' that no political parties listened to them. Her husband, Ram Kumar, encouraged Shanti to fight the elections. They were "unhappy" as neither their issues were heard nor developments seen in the region.

They somehow arranged ~12,500 required as a security deposit, which is half the amount earmarked for the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe) to contest the elections.

"Besides our savings earned as farm labourers, we got some financial support from our community members and collected ~12,500", her husband revealed.

A fifth class pass, Shanti said, "I am contesting keeping in mind the interest of my community. The inhabitants of my village, besides the adjoining 10-12 habitats having Baiga tribal population in the Gaurella Pendra Marwahi district, have pledged to drum up support for me. My fight is with political heavyweights like BJP's Saroj Pandey and Congress' Jyotsana Mahant".

A housewife and a mother of one, she helps her husband in his agriculture field and works as a farm labourer.

Her village is distantly located in a terrain over 30 km from the district headquarters and inaccessible. Broken roads lead to her dwelling, with hardly any public transport bus or local transport facility.

Shanti's immediate aim is to change the face of her area, where the Baiga community has lived for decades. She is not a novice to what the elections are, as a few years ago, she contested for the post of sarpanch but lost.

She was informed by the local administration that ~ 2,000 had been deposited in her other bank account by the state government under the state BJP regime's Mahtari Vandan Yojana. The instalments of ₹1000 each for two months (February-March) under the scheme were transferred to her other account. A review of an affidavit showed the family had assets worth ₹97,000.

QUOTE CORNER

Under no circumstances will we grant individuals the liberty to consume (beef) according to their preference, regardless of the cost we may have to bear

Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh CM

₹1.74 lakh crore dues for Bengal have not been paid by the Centre. But PM Modi talks about giving free ration to the poor but he has not been paying us a single paisa

Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal CM

Pakistan does not hold India in its pocket. India is a free country and Indians are a free people. They do not go by what others say, whether it is America, Russia or Pakistan.

Farooq Abdullah, NC president

Bukhari first leader to visit Jamia mosque in 3 decades

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

AS the poll campaign for Srinagar Lok Sabha seat is gaining momentum, Apni Party president and former minister Altaf Bukhari on Monday visited historic Jamia Masjid in the city, becoming the first top mainstream leader to go to Kashmir's grand mosque in over three decades.

Bukhari, who launched his political party in March 2020 after the abrogation of Article 370, visited Jamia Masjid as part of the party's roadshow from Khanyar area in downtown Srinagar. He was accompanied by his candidate Mohammad Ashraf Mir and party workers. Bukhari launched the roadshow in the downtown area to garner support for his candidate for the Srinagar seat going to polls in the fourth phase on May 13. His visit shows the changing times in Kashmir, where mainstream leaders used to shy away from visiting Jamia Masjid in Nowhatta area or any other downtown areas, observers say.

Jamia is considered a hub of separatists and a major stronghold of moderate Hurriyat leader and cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq. Mirwaiz gives Friday sermons in Jamia Masjid.

Talking to reporters after offering prayers in the mosque, Bukhari said people of J&K have followed the path of peace and "we pray for everlasting peace." "The aim of public outreach is to make people of downtown aware that Apni Party is with you and we will try every bit to ease your sufferings and end the arrest spree. We will make an attempt to restore the pristine glory of the downtown," he said.

In the separatists' hub, Bukhari credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for peace in J&K. "The credit goes to the people and also to those who are at the helm of affairs at the Centre –PM and HM," he said. Asked if it is the first election when there has been no boycott call, Bukhari said, "I think Mirwaiz was never in favour of violence. The person who sits on the pulpit of Jamia Masjid can never support violence".

"His family has suffered violence since 1947. Mirwaiz's family was never in support of violence. The Mirwaiz family has contributed significantly to our society over the decades," he said. Jamia Masjid has remained the hub of separatist politics since eruption of militancy in J&K in 1990.

59 people
Trapped inside an under construction building in South Africa after it collapsed

Hamas accepts Egyptian-Qatari ceasefire proposal, bringing cheers on Rafah streets

CAIRO/JERUSALEM

The Hamas militant group on Monday said it has accepted an Egyptian-Qatari ceasefire proposal to halt the seven-month war with Israel. It issued a statement saying its supreme leader, Ismail Haniyeh, had delivered the news in a phone call with Qatar's prime minister and Egypt's intelligence minister. The two Middle Eastern nations have been mediating for months to broker peace between Israel and Hamas.

Details of the ceasefire were not disclosed immediately. An official familiar with Israeli thinking said it is examining the ceasefire proposal approved by Hamas. But the official warned that the plan approved by Hamas "is not the framework Israel proposed".

The announcement came hours after Israel ordered Palestinians to begin evacuating the southern Gaza town of Rafah ahead of an Israeli military operation. Israel says Rafah is Hamas' last stronghold.

News of Hamas' announcement sent people in Rafah cheering in the streets as they were ordered by Israeli army on Monday to begin evacuating from of Rafah, signaling that a long-promised ground invasion there could be imminent and further complicating efforts to broker a cease-fire in Gaza.

The looming operation in the city—where more than 1 million Palestinians are sheltering and a high number of deaths is feared—has raised global alarm and Israeli's closest allies have warned against it.

On Monday, the United Nations agency serving Palestinian refugees said it would not comply with the evacuation order. Israel has described Rafah as the last significant Hamas stronghold after some seven months of war, and has repeatedly said the invasion is necessary to defeat the Islamic militant group, which unleashed the current conflict with an attack on Israel on October 7.

But Hamas and key mediator Qatar have warned that invading Rafah—along the border with Egypt—could derail efforts by international mediators to broker a ceasefire.

Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani, an army spokesman, said some 100,000 people were being ordered to move to a nearby Israel-declared humanitarian zone called Muwasi—a makeshift camp of tents where along the coast hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have sought safety and live in squalid conditions. Shoshani said Israel was preparing a "limited scope operation" and would not say whether this was the beginning of a broader invasion of the city. Israel never formally announced the launch of its current ground invasion in Gaza.

Smoke could be seen rising from Rafah Monday afternoon, although the cause was unclear. Tensions escalated Sunday when Hamas fired rockets at Israeli troops positioned on the border with Gaza near Israel's main crossing for delivering badly needed humanitarian aid, killing four soldiers. *AP*

At 58 yrs, Sunita Williams to fly into space for third time

WASHINGTON

A Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams is ready to fly into space for the third time on Tuesday as the pilot aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft in its the first crewed test flight.

Boeing's Starliner will blast off for the International Space Station from Cape Canaveral.

Starliner will carry Williams, 58, and Butch Wilmore to the ISS, marking what could be a momentous and long-awaited victory for the beleaguered Boeing programme.

The scheduled lift-off is set for 22:34 local time on Monday (8:04 am IST on Tuesday). "We are all here because we are all ready. Our friends and family have heard about it and we've talked about it and they are happy and proud that we are part of the process to fix it all," the *BBC* quoted Williams as saying. The mission has been delayed for several years because of setbacks in the spacecraft's development.

If it is successful, it will become the second private firm able to provide crew transport to and from the ISS, alongside Elon Musk's SpaceX.

Such a scenario with both SpaceX's Crew Dragon and Starliner flying regularly is one for which the US space agency NASA has long waited.

"Design and development is hard particularly with a human space vehicle," said Mark Nappi, VP and Starliner programme manager at Boeing, during a briefing.

This is Boeing's second flight to the International Space Station and third Starliner flight test overall, following a second Orbital Flight Test, the uncrewed mission also known as OFT-2, in May 2022. Boeing also completed pad abort demonstration in Nov 2019. *PTI*

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SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **12.06.2024 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 6,87,28,168.31** as on date **05.05.2024** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from 1. Mr. Mahabaleshwar Bhat,** No. 71/2, 1st Floor, 1st cross, 8th Main, MSR Road, Mathikere, Bangalore – 560054, **2. Mr. Vinayaka hebbar,** No.158/16, 1st Floor, 14th Cross, Kanshiram Nagar, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore- 560097, **3. Mr. Sathyanarayana Rao,** No.13, Raghavendra Badavane, Sorab, Shimoga district -577429, **4. Mrs. S. Saraswathi,** No.35, Anugraha, 7th Cross, Krishnappa Block Ganganagar, Bangalore North- 560032, **5. Mr. M. Krishnamurhty,** No. 2765, Sridhama, E Block, Near Swathi Gardenia, Kodigehalli and Byatarayanapura Village, Hebbal, Bangalore North- 560092.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or **before 11.06.2024 at 5.00 pm by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer Canara Bank ARM-1 Branch** or through online payment to **Account No.209272434 (IFSC CNRB0002366)** is as under.

(₹. in Lakhs)

Lot No	Description of the immovable/movable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
1	Residential site situated at no. 18, BBMP khata no. 894, PID no. 894, Khata no. 894-578/18 of BBMP formed in Sy. No. 29/2, Ward no. 12 Abbigere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring east to west (48+30)/2 feet and north to south (35+22)/2 feet total 1111.50 sqft, bounded on: EAST- site no. 19, WEST- Road, NORTH- Road, SOUTH- private property.	46.80	4.68	₹.1.00
2	All that piece & parcel of residential Land & Building situated at No. 52, 2nd Cross, Bullet Krishnappa Layout, BBMP Khatha no. 487/36/1/52, Old VP Khatha no. 475/505/52, of Thindlu village, (Byatarayanapura V.P.) Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Off Kodigehalli Road, BBMP Ward no. 9, Vidyaranyapura Range, Bengaluru – 560097, measuring East to West 40 feet, and North to South 45 feet. Extent of site totally measuring 1800 Sq.Ft. and bounded by: North: Site no. 22, East: Site no. 51, South: By road, West: Site No. 53.	139.86	13.986	₹.1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in **Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com)** or may contact **Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9627872626 and 9448507473** during office hours on any working day.

Date : 06.05.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
Registered Office : 27 BKC, C 27,
G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex,
Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400051.
Branch Office : Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.,
Kotak House, 22,
M. G. Road, Bangalore-560 001.

CORRIGENDUM

The General Public is hereby informed that **AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE (Name of Account - Mr. Rajappa. S)** advertisement Published on Monday 06 May, 2024 in **The New Indian Express (English) & Samyuktha Karnataka (Kannada)** Newspaper in **Bangalore Edition**. In the notice Reserve Price (RP) was wrongly mentioned as **"Rs.90,00,0000/-"** instead of **"Rs.90,00,000/-"**. All other matter of the advertisement will remain unchanged.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 06-05-2024

For Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited,
Authorized Officer

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE & JMF C., AT NELAMANGALA

C. Misc. No.96/2024

PETITIONER: 1. SRI. A.R. SHIVASHANKARA, S/o Rajashekaraiah, aged about 57 years, AND TWO OTHERS, All are R/at Arjunabettahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District -V/s-

RESPONDENT: The Thasildar, (Registrar of Births and Deaths) Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioner's Brother by name SHIVAKUMAR, S/o Rajashekaraiah was died on 18.03.1989 at Arjunabettahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

The Hon'ble court has fixed on **21-05-2024** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at **11:00 AM** Failing Which the said application will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 01-04-2024

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **DILIPKUMAR .B.A**
Basavanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk
Bangalore Rural District.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients have negotiated with Smt. Hemalatha wife of C. Venkateshulu, Kum. Ramya Venkateshulu D/o. C. Venkateshulu, Kum. Bhavana V. D/o. C. Venkateshulu, all are residing at No. 29, 5th Main, 6th Cross, KEB Layout, Geddalhalli, Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru 560 094, for the purchase of residential property bearing Site No.29, formed in survey No. 36/4 of Geddalahalli Village, by the Bangalore Development Authority having PID No.100-729-29, Ward No.19 (old Ward No.100), RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560094, measuring East to West 41 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 136.65 sq. metres, together with residential house constructed thereon and bounded on :

EAST BY : Site No.14, WEST BY : Road,
NORTH BY : Site No.28, SOUTH BY : Site No.30

Any person/s having/asserting any right, title or interest/claims or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may file their written objections to undersigned within Seven days from the date of publication of the notice hereof with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained, and our client will proceed with the purchase of the said Property.

Sd/- SHARATH S. GOGI, Advocate
Gogi and Gogi, Advocates
Off: No.502, 4th Cross, 3rd Block,
RMV 2nd Stage (Near ISRO H.O.),
Bangalore-560094.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client states that the following original documents in respect of Schedule Property have been misplaced: Regd., Gift Deed dated 13.06.2006, Document No.BLN-1-16414-2006-07, Book No.1, CD No. BLND281 regd., on 15.06.2006 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru in respect of property bearing Eastern portion of Site No. 106, formed out of Sy No. 48, 123, 129, 139, 141 and 142, in all measuring 1937.5 Square feet, Situated at Nagarabhavi Yeswanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk have been misplaced/lost and is not traceable immediately. We hereby call upon the public if anyone found the above said document, kindly hand over to undersigned immediately and they may be suitable awarded, and also we further bring into the notice of the general public that in case anyone dealing with the Schedule Property on the basis of the above said original document in respect of the Schedule Property, same will be an offence and they are liable to punish under the Criminal Act. Therefore, we are call upon the general public not to deal with the Schedule Property on the basis of above said original documents which is standing in the name of Sri. P M Raju, the Certified copy of the Gift Deed bearing No. BLN-1-16414-2006-07, regd., on 15.06.2006 executed by Smt. Asha Raju W/o Sri. P M Raju, favouring Sri. P M Raju, S/o. late P B Mummigattu will be obtained from the Sub Registrar office and same shall be treated as original title deed of Sri. P M Raju with respect to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Proportional Eastern portion Site No. 106, Present BBMP Municipal No.106/1, PID No.39-192-106/1, Sy No. 48, 123, 129, 139, 141 and 142, measuring East to West Northern Sid 40 feet Southern Side 37.5 feet and North to South Eastern side 5o feet Western Side 50 feet, in all measuring 1937.5 Square feet of Nagarabhavi, Yeswanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru allotted the Bengaluru City Employees Housing and social welfare Co-operative Society Ltd Bengaluru by now bearing Corporation No. 106, with in the limits of Ward No. 39 and bounded as follows:

East by : Road
West by : Western portion of the Site No.106 belongs to Smt. Asha Raju;
North by : Site No. 107;
South by : Site No. 105;

A. P. LAW ASSOCIATES
No. 1642/28, 3rd Main 1st Cross
Ramamohanpuram Near Srirampura Metro
Station, (Behind Devaiah Park),
Bengaluru-56002.
Mob:9844378777/6362583397,
Date:06-05-2024

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560001.

O. A. NO. 1011/ 2022

BETWEEN :STATE BANK OF INDIA
ASSETS RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH,
No. 11/90, 3RD FLOOR, NEAR OLD
SHIVAJINAGAR THEATRE, J.C.ROAD,
BNAGALORE - 560002 **.....APPLICANT**

AND: 1. M/S REALTIME TECH SOLUTIONS (P) LTD., REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTORS
2. KUMARI MAYA CHANDRA
3. SRI MURTAZA ALI SOOMAR
4. SRI LSS NARENDRA
5. SRI HARI CHANDRA
6. M/S PVR MULTIMEDIA PVT LTD.
7. REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTORS
.....DEFENDANTS

Summons issued under Rule 23(viii) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993 to the Defendant

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.9,45,54,689/- (Rupees Nine Crore Forty Five Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or **on 19.07.2024 at 10.30 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the **3rd Day Of May, 2024.**

By Order Of The Tribunal, Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I Bangalore

TO: 1. M/s Realtime Tech Solutions (p) Ltd.,
A Company Registered Under The Companies Act, 1956 Represented By Its Directors No.59, 3d Floor, 4th Main, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560055
2. Kumari Maya Chandra D/o Sri Chandra Krishna Murthy, D-1/13, Vasant Vihar New Delhi-110057
3. Mr. Murtaza Ali Soomar
S/o Mr. Shabbir Soomar, C-127, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024
4. Sri LSS Narendra S/o Sri L S Ramakrishna
No.394, Jal Vayu Towers, NGEF Layout, Sadananad Nagar, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038
5. Sri Hari Chandra S/o Sri Chandra Krishna Murthy, D-1/13, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057
6. M/S PVR Multimedia Pvt Ltd.
A Company Registered Under The Companies Act, 1956 Represented By Its Directors B-9, Ground Floor Near, C C Colony, Sardar Nagar, New Delhi-110009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that my client intends to purchase the property bearing Plot No.124 assigned Corporation Khatha No.150/2427/1966/124, situated at Kothanur, Bangalore, formed in the layout known as CLASSIC ORCHARD, shown in the Schedule given hereunder, from **Dr.PREMALATHA B, MONA PRAGATHI PRAKASH, PRAKASH KRITHIKA,** (wife and daughters of Late Dr. B.N.Prakash), resident of #124, 1st phase, Classic orchards, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore 560076, who are the only legal heirs of Late Dr. B.N.Prakash.

If any person has any claim or any objections in the matter of the sale of the Schedule Property, may contact the undersigned within 10 days from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there are no claims over the said property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Plot No.124 assigned Corporation Khatha No.150/2427/1966/124, situated at Kothanur, Bangalore, formed in the layout known as CLASSIC ORCHARD, (carved out of Sy.No.173, 80/2B, 80/2C of Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk), measuring East to West towards Northern side 61 ft. towards Southern side 61 ft. and North to South towards Eastern side 45 ft. towards Western side 45 ft. in all 2745 Sq.ft., together with residential building having approximately 5000 Sq.ft., built up area and bounded on:

East by : Road,
West by : Private Property,
North by : Property bearing Site No.125,
South by : Property bearing Site No.123.

NEETHU H., ADVOCATE
No.305, 3rd Floor, "A" Block
St.Patrick's Complex, Brigade Road
Bangalore-560025.
PH: 8105565716/9663313135

BANGALORE
Date: 07.05.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase **50% undivided share of interest in the Schedule property** from its owners: **(1)Sri.PRASHANTH.N & (2)Sri.PRADEEP NARASIMHA** both sons of late G.Narasimha Murthy, **(3)Sri.H.G.SRIKANTH & (4)Sri.H.G.RANGANATH** both sons of late H.S.Gundanna, residing at: No.8, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.53 (Old No.16 then 18), having PID No.49-56-53, measuring East to West 35 ft and North to South 120 ft, in all measuring 4200 Sq.ft., with a building thereon, situated at Vanivilas Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004 and bounded on:

East by : Conservancy
West by : Property No.15
North by: Vani Vilas Road
South by: Conservancy

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Roach Properties & Developers LLP
(LLPIN: AAR-1419) Registered Office: No. 682, 9th Main Road, Binnamangala, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore 560 038

Form No. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act, 2013 [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days to the Registrar at Bangalore that ROACH PROPERTIES & DEVELOPERS LLP, an LLP may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.
2. The principal objects of the company are; to carry on the Business of Real Estate, Property Developers, Leasing and Letting of Immovable Properties generating, Accumulating, distributing and supplying Solar Energy for its Own Use or for sale to Government.
3. A copy of the draft Memorandum and Articles of Association of the proposed Company may be inspected at the registered office at No. 682, 9th Main Road, Binnamangala, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore-560038, Karnataka India
4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6,7,8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Bangalore **Dated this 07th May 2024**

On behalf of
Roach Properties & Developers LLP
Austin Roach
Designated Partner
DIN: 00550581

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients intend to purchase the Schedule Property from **MRS. REKHA .A,** W/o Mr. A. Manjesh, Residing at No.127, 2nd Cross, Muneshwara Temple Road, Opposite M V Royal Homes, Srirampura, Bangalore - 560064.

Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction, may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents **within 07 days** from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing BDA Site No.666, BDA Khatha No.BDA/RON/C3/666/2006-07, (formed by Bangalore Development Authority in Sy.Nos.18 and 19/1 of Venkateshpura Village), Situated at 3rd Block, Arkavathi Layout, Bangalore, measuring East to West 9.00 Meters., and North to South 6.00 Meters., totally measuring 54.00 Sq.Meters., and bounded on as follows: **East by:** Site Nos.688 and 689, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.665, **South by:** Site No.667.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Canply India Private Limited Represented by Directors M J Roberts and Varna Simple No. 38/1 & 2, Agrahara Complex Hosur Main Road Bengaluru- 560100 (Borrower) Robert M J, Varna Simple (Guarantor) Loan Account Number 437855000001/ 437851000001& 437805000001	In Coimbatore Registration District Vaannidavalli Sub Divided Registration District, Coimbatore Taluk, Pannimadai Village Coimbatore Taluk, Pannimadai Village, Patta No.345 In Sf No. 502/2, Punja Ac 2.50, Thaaram 3.44 Situated At: Survey No. 502/2 - Dry, Punja Extent 2.50 Cents, Asst 3.44 NP And Situated Within The Following Boundaries: East Survey No. 502/1 West Survey No.503 North: East West Road And Survey No. 500 South: Survey No 494 And In This 2.50 Cents And In This Property Situated Within The Following Boundaries: East: Survey No. 502/1 West: Property Belonging To Gunasekar North: East West Road And Survey No.500 South: Survey No.494 And In This, Punja Dry Ac 0.50 Cents With The Mamool Cart Track, Pathway Rights And All Other Amenities Attached To The Said Property. The Property Is Situated Within Pannimadai Village Panchayat Limits.	Rs. 9,72,24, 873/- as on (April 02, 2024)	Rs. 2,76,50, 000/- Rs. 27,65, 000/-	May 24, 2024 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	June 19, 2024 from 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-www.disposalhub.com).** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **June 18, 2024** before **05:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, SP-24, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai-600058** on or before **June 18, 2024** before **03:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **June 18, 2024** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, SP-24, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai-600058** on or before **June 18, 2024** before **05:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Coimbatore**

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **7550214251.**

Please note that Marketing agencies **1.M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. MatexNet Pvt Ltd, 3. Augeo Asset Management Pvt** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: May 07, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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भारत सरकार, अंतरिक्ष विभाग, यू.आर. राव उपग्रह केंद्र, एच.ए.एल. एयरपोर्ट रोड, विमानपुरा पोस्ट, बेंगलुरु - 560017.
निर्माण व अनुरक्षण समूह, (फोन: 080 25084168, 4175, 4169) (फैक्स: 080 25084155)

संक्षिप्त शुद्धिपत्र सूचना

1. भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु मद-दर निविदा को आमंत्रित किया जाता है।

विवरण	संक्षिप्त शुद्धिपत्र सूचना - 2	संक्षिप्त शुद्धिपत्र सूचना - 1				
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निविदा में दर्शाए अनुमानित लागत	₹ 66.16 लाख	₹ 14.19 लाख	₹ 223.72 लाख	₹ 29.34 लाख	₹ 11.14 लाख	₹ 14.87 लाख
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बोली स्पष्टीकरण	दिनांक 20.05.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक बढ़ाया गए	दिनांक 20.05.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक बढ़ाया गए	दिनांक 20.05.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक बढ़ाया गए	दिनांक 20.05.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक बढ़ाया गए	दिनांक 20.05.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक बढ़ाया गए	दिनांक 20.05.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक बढ़ाया गए
बोली स्पष्टीकरण के लिए उत्तर देने की अंतिम तारीख तथा समय	दिनांक 24.05.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक	दिनांक 24.05.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक	दिनांक 24.05.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक	दिनांक 24.05.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक	दिनांक 24.05.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक	दिनांक 24.05.2024 को 17:00 बजे तक
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अग्रिम धन निक्षेप (ई.एम.डी.)	**₹. 1,32,320/- (180 दिनों तक वैध)**	**₹. 28,380/- (180 दिनों तक वैध)**	**₹. 4,47,440/- (180 दिनों तक वैध)**	**₹. 58,680/- (180 दिनों तक वैध)**	**₹. 22,280/- (180 दिनों तक वैध)**	**₹. 29,740/- (180 दिनों तक वैध)**

2. कृपया इच्छुक निविदाकार, पात्रता मानदंड और अन्य विवरणों के लिए ***www.isro.gov.in*** वेबसाइट में हिंदी वर्शन सह उपलब्ध ई-निविदा (एन.आई.ई.टी.) आमंत्रित करते हुए विस्तृत निविदा सूचना का संदर्भ लें और ***www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO*** से निविदा दस्तावेज डाउनलोड करें।

Sd/-, समूह निदेशक (निर्माण व अनुरक्षण समूह)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of RMV Extn. Branch Bangalore of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **11.06.2024**, for recovery of **Rs 95,72,265.88** (Rupees Nine Five Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Five and Paise Eighty Eight Only) as on 06.05.2024 plus further interest @ 9.5% pa compounded monthly from 07.05.2024.and cost due to the Canara Bank RMV Extn. Branch from Borrowers **Sri. Vishwanath Markatti**.

The reserve price of the property will be **Rs 69,11,000/-** (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakhs Eleven thousand only) and the earnest money deposit **(EMD) is 10% of Reserve Price of the property i.e, Rs 6,91,100/-.**

The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 10.06.2024 up to 4.00 pm.

Details and full description of the property(ies):

Schedule A Property : Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of immovable residential House list No 20 , Old Khata Nos 24/1 and 24/2, present BBMP Khata No 987/38/24/1/24/2/20 situated at Sarakkikere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, present comes within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru and measuring East to West : 67.0 Feet and North to South : 37 ½ feet, in all measuring 2512.5 square feet and bounded on East by: Private Property, West by : Road, North By: Site No 19 & South By: Private property

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of immovable residential House list No 19 , Old Khata Nos 24/1, present BBMP Khata No 998/24/1/19 situated at Sarakkikere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk , present comes within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru and measuring East to West : 67.0 Feet and North to South : 37.6 feet, in all measuring 2512.5 square feet and bounded on East by: Private Property, West by : Road, North By: Site No 18 & South By: Site No 20

Composite schedule property:

All that piece and parcel of combined property of item Nos 1&2, bearing site No 19&20, Old Khata Nos 24/1 and 24/2 , then BBMP Khata No 998/24/1/19 & 987/38/24/1/24/2/20 situated at Sarakkikere village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk , present comes within the limits of BBMP , Puttenehalli ward no 187, Sarakkikere , Bangalore and measuring East to West: 67.0 feet and North to South : 75 feet in all measuring 5025 square feet and bounded on the East by : Private Property, West by: Road, North by : Site No 18 & South by : Private property

Schedule B Property: Residential Apartment of Flat No 301 (3 BHK) in Second floor, East facing in the building known as "Devi Grand View" having Super Built up area of 1500 sqft along with right to use common areas & amenities and one car parking with undivided right, title and interest of 279 sqft in schedule A property

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Branch Manager through RMV Extn. Branch Bangalore, Canara bank, Ph. No. 9483520888 during office hours on any working day.

E-auction arranged by the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd. through the website www.indianbankseauction.com

Place: Bangalore
Date: 06.05.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

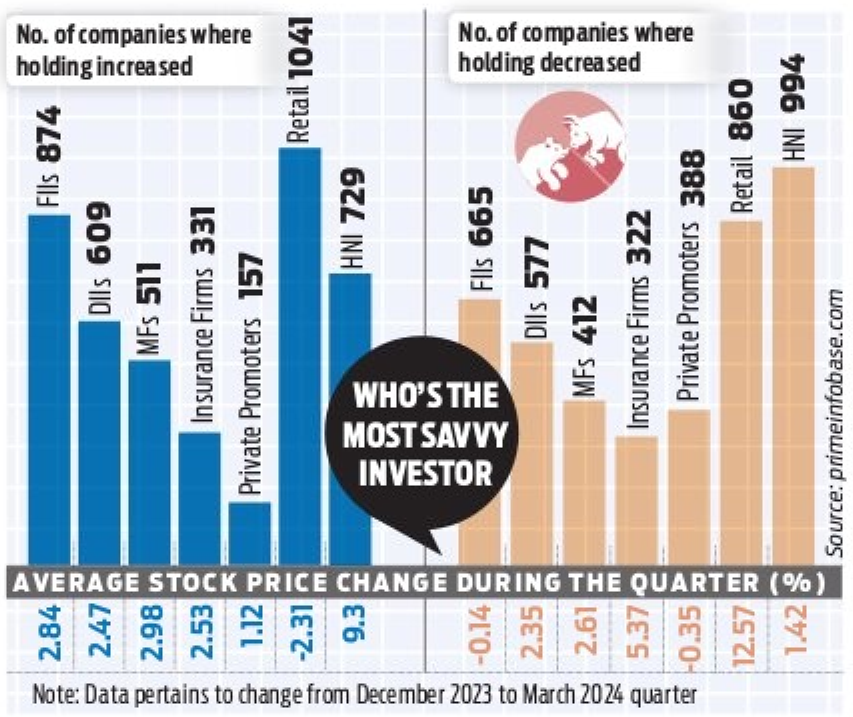
Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX	
17.39 ▲	Sensex	73,895.54	₹220 ▲	24 carat (10 gm)	₹72,200	₹1,000 ▲	1 kg	₹84,000	▲ Dollar	83.48
33.15 ▼	Nifty	22,442.70	₹200 ▲	22 carat (10 gm)	₹66,200	₹10 ▲	10 gm	₹840	▲ Euro	89.99

FII holdings in NSE-listed companies at 11-year low

DII holdings just 9.23% lower than FII holdings at the end of March qtr

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi



Source: primeinfobase.com

Note: Data pertains to change from December 2023 to March 2024 quarter

THE share of foreign institutional investors (FIIs) in the NSE-listed companies fell to an 11-year low of 17.68% at the end of the March quarter, down by 51 bps from 18.19% at the end of the December quarter, according to data from primeinfobase. The share of domestic institutional investors (DIIs) as a whole with net inflows of ₹108,434 crore increased to 16.05% in the March quarter from 15.96% in the preceding December quarter.

Following this change in Q4FY24, the gap between FII and DII holdings in domestic equities has narrowed to an all-time low with DII holdings now being just 9.23% lower than FII holdings. The widest gap between FII and DII holdings was in the quarter ending March 31, 2015, when DII holding was 49.82% lower than FII holding.

Market experts believe record flows into mutual funds' equity schemes have resulted in the growing influence of DIIs in the stock market. They expect DIIs to overtake FIIs holding share in the coming quarters.

Pranav Haldea, managing director, PRIME Database Group, said Indian markets are moving towards self-reliance with the share of DIIs set to overtake that of FIIs in the next few quarters. For years, FIIs have been the largest non-promoter shareholder category in the Indian market with their investment decisions having a huge bearing on the overall direction of the market. Markets would tank when FIIs would pull out.

"This is no longer the case. DIIs along with retail investors have now been playing a strong counter balancing role," added Haldea. The share of domestic Mutual Funds (MFs) rose to yet another all-time high of 8.92% as of March 31, powered by strong net inflows of ₹81,539 crore during the quarter. Meanwhile, the share of the Government (as promoter) increased to a seven-year high of 10.38% on the back of the strong performance of several PSUs.

The share of private promoters declined to a five-year low of 41% as of March 31, 2024. According to Haldea, stake sales by promoters to take advantage of bullish markets, relatively lower promoter holding in some of the IPO companies and also overall institutionalization of the market have resulted in this.

IIFL liquidity crunch after RBI curbs

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

RBI appointed auditor to complete audit in 3-4 weeks

It has been learnt that the RBI appointed external auditor has begun the job from April 24 and is likely to be completed over the next three to four weeks. One of the bankers said other businesses are running smoothly with already existing liquidity. IIFL Finance is the second-largest gold loan player after Muthoot Finance, with an AUM of ₹24,692 crore at the end of December 2023. Its gold loan book has grown at a CAGR of 39% between 2019 and 2023.

AFTER the recent Reserve Bank action on IIFL Finance's gold loan business, the group is staring at liquidity crunch as bankers are shy of both releasing the already sanctioned credit lines, as well as agreeing to look at fresh sanctions.

On March 4, the RBI had ordered the company, majority owned by the Indian-origin Canadian businessman Prem Watsa, to stop sanctioning, disbursing and selling new gold loans, citing "material supervisory concerns" in its gold loan portfolio. Right before the RBI, the NBFC had nearly ₹1,200 crore of line of credit sanctioned and since then it could draw down only ₹570 crore.

IIFL Finance is the second-largest gold loan player after Muthoot Finance, with an AUM of ₹24,692 crore at the end of December 2023. Its gold loan book has grown at a CAGR of 39% between 2019 and 2023. Since the pandemic it has been growing faster and has doubled the branch strength to over 2,700 and serves 56 lahk customers. The gold loan vertical is the second largest for IIFL with nearly ₹24,692 crore of AUM as of December 2023 after the home loan vertical, which is about ₹30,000 crore, but is the most profitable arm of the group founded by Nirmal Jain that also runs a successful microfinance arm with about ₹15,000 crore of AUM with ₹500 crore of net income in the December quarter. But as much as 57% of the gold loan book is the co-lending model.

Soon after the regulatory ban, the company had cancelled a proposed $400 million dollar bond issue plan. But within days of the ban, Watsa agreed to chip in with $200 million of immediate liquidity.

"We are not keen to disburse the already sanctioned loan nor looking at fresh sanctions. Let the RBI appointed external audit to be completed," two bankers who wished to be unidentified told this newspaper.

The company didn't respond to calls. It's learnt that the RBI appointed external auditor has begun the job from April 24 and is likely to be completed over the next three to four weeks. One of the bankers said other businesses are running smoothly with already existing liquidity.

No new entrant in spectrum bid this yr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE forthcoming spectrum auction is expected to receive a muted response this year due to absence of new entrants and limited participation.

As per the Department of Telecommunication (DoT), only three private players — Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea — have applied for participation in the spectrum auction scheduled for June 6, 2024. In 2022, during the auction, Adani Data Network, an entity of Adani Enterprises, made headlines after participating in the spectrum auction, along with three private telcos. Initially there was speculation that it may enter the telecom industry; however, later on the company clarified that it would use spectrum for its businesses.

"Today is the last day for applications to participate in the spectrum auction, and only three applications have been received," said a DoT official.

In February 2024, the Cabinet approved auctions in eight spectrum bands for mobile phone services at a base price of ₹96,317.65 crore. The telecom ministry announced auctions for spectrum in 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300 MHz, and 26 GHz frequency bands. These auctions will be offered with a validity period of 20 years. As per the notification released by the DoT, the last date for submitting bid applications is May 6. Industry analysts believe this year telcos have already invested significantly in previous auctions, and this time, they only want airwaves in circles where their existing frequencies will expire shortly.

REMAINS HIGH

April services PMI falls to 60.8 from Mar high

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THE key services sector index has fallen to 60.8 in April considerably, down from 14-year high in March at 61.2, yet remaining strong driven by the second-best ever exports, according to an industry report.

As per the services PMI by HSBC Bank, data compiled by S&P Global, on Monday, the sector has made a strong start to the first quarter of the new fiscal with key index remaining at near 14-year high though marginally down from the last month. Report attributed the strong data to the buoyant domestic demand, apart from new business gains that companies made from several parts of the world, which collectively underpinned the second-quickest upturn in global sales since series started in September 2014.

The strong numbers, noted the report, are in spite of rising wages and higher food prices which have led to another increase in cost burdens. "Despite falling from the high 61.2 in March to 60.8 in April, the seasonally adjusted HSBC Services Business Activity Index highlights one of the strongest growth rates seen in just under 14 years. Survey members attributed the latest upturn in output to favourable economic conditions, demand strength and rising intakes of new work" HSBC said. Business activity increased across the four sub-categories monitored by the survey, led by steep growth in finance & insurance.

Zee Media terminates chief exec Abhay Ojha with immediate effect

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@ New Delhi

On account of termination of employment, Abhay Ojha has ceased to be the chief executive officer of the company (Zee Media Corporation)

Zee Media

ZEE Media Corporation has terminated the services of chief executive officer (CEO) Abhay Ojha effective May 4, 2024. The fresh termination came after Piyush Choudhary, who served as the chief manager - legal at Zee Media, tendered his resignation last month.

In a regulatory filing, the company said, "...We hereby inform you that the Board of Directors at their meeting held today has approved and confirmed the cessation of employment of Abhay Ojha from the organisation and his consequent cessation as the chief executive officer of the company with effect from May 4, 2024."

"On account of termination of employment, Ojha has ceased to be the CEO of the company." While Zee didn't specify any reason for his termination, the media industry is buzzing about this as part of Zee's changing stance on news reporting. Ojha's termination came a year after he was promoted to the position of CEO within the company. He became part of Zee Media in 2022, initially serving as the chief business officer and overseeing the profit and loss of linear channels (exception of WION and Zee Business).

Industry veteran Idris Loya assumed the role of interim CEO. He formerly held the position of group chief technology and innovation officer at Essel Group. Before Zee, Loya was associated with companies such as Sony Electronics (Singapore) Pte. Ltd, Samtek Semicon Devices, New Delhi Liaison Office, Conimp Business Consulting, Navtech / Jwlrai Pte. Ltd.

The fresh changes in Zee Media, which runs 14 news channels in 7 different languages, comes at a time when Essel Group, also known as Zee Group, is trying to fix its finances by clearing debt and setbacks caused by the termination of its merger with Sony.

GST enhances tax buoyancy to 1.22: Sitharaman

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

Sanjaya Mishra first President of GSTAT

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday administered the oath of Justice (Retd) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra as the inaugural President of the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT), commencing the functionality of the tribunal. Mishra's appointment signifies the commencement of operations for the GSTAT, a vital entity for settling GST-related disputes. "Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman administered the oath of integrity and secrecy to Justice (Retd.) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra as the President of the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT), in New Delhi, today," the government statement said. Mishra, a former Chief Justice of the Jharkhand HC, was selected by a Search-cum-Selection Committee led by the Chief Justice of India. *ENS*

THE goods and services ttax (GST) has enhanced tax buoyancy to 1.22 from 0.72 pre-GST, leading to increased revenue for states post the five-year compensation period, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman tweeted on Monday.

"GST has improved tax buoyancy from 0.72 (pre-GST) to 1.22 (2018-23). Despite compensation ending, state revenues remain buoyant at 1.15. Without GST, states' revenue from subsumed taxes from FY19 to FY24 would have been ₹37.5 lakh crore. With GST, states' actual revenue amounted to ₹46.56 lakh crore," Sitharaman said.

Even with the GST rate below the revenue neutral rate and COVID-19 impacting revenues, GST collections as a percentage of GDP have returned to pre-GST levels, showcasing that the Centre and states, by improving tax administration, can generate similar revenue with reduced taxpayer burden, the Minister stated.

"It is a myth that all GST collections are pocketed by the Centre. GST contributes significantly to state revenues. States receive 100% of SGST collected in that state, nearly 50% of IGST (i.e. on inter-state trade). A significant portion of CGST, i.e. 42% is devolved to the states based on the Finance Commission's recommendations," Sitharaman added.

The minister highlighted that reflecting a pro-poor stance, the effective weighted average GST rate has steadily decreased since 2017. Despite a suggested Revenue Neutral Rate of 15.3%, the actual rate was 14.4% in 2017, dropping further to 11.6% in 2019.

"GST lowered taxes on many essential items compared to pre-GST rates. Common items like hair oil and soaps saw tax cut from 28% to 18%. Electrical appliances taxed at 12% v/s 31.5% before. Movie tickets were taxed lower, too. Further tax rate rationalization has been done since 2017. National Anti-profiteering Authority ensured that companies passed the benefits to the consumers," she wrote. GST consolidated 17 taxes and 13 cesses into a simplified 5-tier structure, streamlining the tax system.

IT companies turn focus on Generative AI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT firms are now focusing on Gen AI as they collaborate to enhance their services to clients. Wipro on Monday announced its partnering with Microsoft to launch a suite of cognitive assistants for financial services powered by generative Gen AI.

The cognitive assistants will provide financial professionals with deep market intelligence and relevant and timely information on investment products and investor behaviour, it said.

HCLTech also announced a global strategic collaboration agreement with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to accelerate GenAI-led enterprise digital transformation.

HCLTech and AWS will help enterprises explore and develop Gen AI-led use cases, proofs of concept, tools and solutions. They will develop a framework with target-based milestones aligned to business strategy that enables co-creation of customised Gen AI-led solutions and offers clients flexible consumption models.

Wipro's new cognitive assistants will run on Microsoft Azure Open AI and will be available on Azure App Services. The Wipro AI practice is working on over 10 GenAI ideas that are being developed as proof of concepts on Azure Open AI. Wipro has 55,000 AI associates across globe with over 50% trained and skilled in Azure –AI/ML.

"Gen AI opens a new era of possibilities for exceptional client experiences and enhanced productivity in the financial services sector," said Suzanne Dann, CEO of Americas 2 Strategic Market Unit at Wipro.

18% GST on compensation paid on sale of test drive cars

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE West Bengal authority for advance ruling (AAR) has said compensation made by a car manufacturer to a dealer for the loss on sale of demo cars is taxable under GST at 18%.

The West Bengal AAR, on an application of a dealer of Mercedes Benz India, recently ruled that since the dealer has agreed to tolerate the loss for a consideration, it would constitute 'supply' and accordingly a GST of 18% would be levied on compensation paid to the dealer. Demonstration cars are the ones which are used by the dealer for test drives. These cars are then sold at a lower price, or at a loss, which is then compensated by the car manufacturer.

Tax experts believe that the AAR's decision to categorize the reimbursement received by the dealer from Mercedes Benz India for the "loss on sale of demo car" as taxable under GST at 18% may raise eyebrows within the sector.

'Well-defined succession planning key to avoid disputes in business families'

VISHWAS PANIJAR, partner in business consulting firm Nangia Andersen LLP, who leads the firm's family office business, in an interaction with DIPAK MONDAL of The New Indian Express on the importance of amicable split of Godrej family business.

How significant is the Godrej family split in the context of Indian business history?
Considering the magnitude of the family operations that have been developed over the past century and its influence on Indian business landscape, the split may cause short-term instability in the market. We have seen that in most cases, the fate of the transition is determined by how well the business, board, and family were prepared.

What factors contributed to the split in the group business?
I would not want to speculate the factors behind the split, however going by the official statements as well as the Family Settlement Agreement, it appears to me that the fundamental reason for the split seems to be that the newer generation have diverse interest and perception of Growth for the Group.

How important it is to resolve family disputes through amicable means, especially in the context of preserving both the family's legacy and the stability of the business?
We have seen numerous instances of nasty family disputes coming into the limelight. In fact, we have been roped in some of these high-profile family disputes ourselves. Such disputes not only tarnish goodwill of the family but also seriously hamper stakeholder's confidence. A well-defined conflict resolution mechanism within the family can address this systematically to ensure that all family disputes are resolved amicably with minimum disruption to existing business.

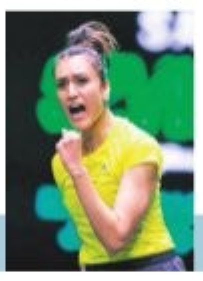
What insights can you share regarding effective succession planning strategies?
In my experience, clear and transparent communication amongst family members regarding the vision for the business is the key contributor to developing an effective strategy for succession planning.

While the family leaders play a significant role in setting the tone during the planning phase, it should be kept in mind that succession planning is not an exact science, but an art and hence should first begin with a simple question: Family first or business first?

How does the Godrej Family split serve as a case study for future generations of Indian entrepreneurs?
It is not the split per-se that is important but the manner in which Godrej Family was able to execute the split is a case-study on the 'business first' outlook and how to accommodate aspirations of the newer generation of family leaders in an amicable way without causing disruptions.

What lessons can other family-owned businesses learn from the Godrej Family split?
Succession planning is a way for business leaders to have an element of control over the way in which their business passes to the next generation.
Family leaders should proactively create a robust family charter that is foundationally rooted in the core values of the family but also flexible enough to survive multiple generations. Without formalised plans, it is easy for family members to disagree about how to manage the business when the leader steps away. By transparently articulating the rationale behind such decisions and ensuring equitable distribution, family leaders can promote harmony within the family.

Manika stuns World No 2 to enter pre-quarters



Indian table tennis star Manika Batra shocked World No. 2 Wang Manyu of China to secure the biggest win of her singles career and enter the pre-quarterfinals of the Saudi Smash at King Abdullah Economic City in Saudi Arabia. Manika, ranked 39, beat the second-seeded Chinese, who is also Tokyo Olympic gold medallist & 2021 world champion, 6-11, 11-5, 11-7, 12-10.

Surya burns brighter than Sunrisers

After an inconsistent run with the bat, Yadav rises to the occasion with a sensational century to take MI home

GOMESH S @ Chennai

Suryakumar Yadav rejoices after reaching his century on Monday | AP

JUST when it seemed like every Indian player selected for the T20 World Cup are going through a lean patch, Suryakumar Yadav broke the shackles with a splendid 102 not out from 51 balls as Mumbai Indians cruised to a seven-wicket victory against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Monday. Despite the loss, SRH remains at fourth place on the table, thanks to their net run rate.

Chasing 174, Mumbai did not have the easiest of starts. After stepping with the bat (35 not out from 17 balls), Pat Cummins once again rose to the occasion. He, along with Marco Jansen and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, reduced MI to 31/3 in 4.1 overs. That, however, did not affect Yadav and Tilak Varma.

After being through a bit of up and down run so far, Yadav was determined to make a mark. His first six was off a leading edge that went over short-thirdman, but none of that mattered. For, Yadav was in his zone. And when he is, there is very little any opponent could do. Monday was no different. Immediately after the powerplay, he opened up. First a whip off Jansen to the ropes and then came a hit down the ground followed by his trademark flick. He finished the over with yet another flick to set the tone for the rest of the chase. From thereon, no bowler was spared. SKY took the attack to Kumar, T Natarajan, Shahbaz Ahmed, while still picking his balls to ensure there is no further collapse. With Tilak Varma (37) for support, he guided Mumbai closer to the victory line. When the moment came, Yadav made it a double celebration. A six to take MI home and get to his century in the 18th over.

Earlier, when Hardik Pandya brought on Piyush Chawla into play, Sunrisers had already established control. Despite two early wickets, Travis Head and Nitish Reddy had taken them to 88/2 in 10 overs. Mumbai were in a desperate need of a wicket. And all it took the veteran leggie was three balls. Head tried sweeping Chawla, only to find the deep square leg fielder. Head was gone for 48 runs from 30 balls. However, the challenge still remained — Heinrich Klaasen.

While Pandya removing Nitish Kumar Reddy in the next over relieved some pressure, Klaasen remained. And following their template so far, he intended to go big. Watching Chawla at the top of his mark, the South African's eyes lit up. However, Chawla stuck to his strengths, bowled a quicker delivery — 91.9 KPH — on the fuller side. Klaasen tried to go big, only to misread the line. The result — inside edge onto the stumps. Klaasen was gone for two runs from four balls with Chawla getting his second scalp. He bowled his fourth on the trot and finished with the wicket of Abdul Samad. Four overs, 3/33.

It is what Chawla does for Mumbai Indians. The 35-year-old comes in, keeps it quiet, gives the big breakthrough and goes back. In a season where he has taken eight wickets so far, Chawla's victims include Shubman Gill, Abhishek Sharma, Jos Buttler, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Rinku Singh, Head, Klaasen and Samad. Talk about making an impact as a strike bowler. His economy of 9.1 might not say much, but it has to be put into context. Chawla has the second-best economy for Mumbai Indians bowlers (with min 15 overs this season) behind Bumrah's 6.2 runs per over. Against SRH, Chawla once again proved how valuable he can be.

Brief scores: SRH 173/8 in 20 ovs (Head 48, Cummins 35 n.o; Pandya 3/31, Chawla 3/33) **lost to** MI 174/3 in 17.2 ovs (Yadav 102 n.o, Varma 37 n.o).

Capital challenge for Royals

Delhi, who desperately need a win, face in-form Rajasthan. A look...

ASHWIN VS PANT

R Ashwin has not been able to take as many wickets as he would have liked but he could prove handy against Rishabh Pant. It will be interesting to see how the off-spinner approaches on a pitch that has been a batting paradise so far.

SAMSON VS KULDEEP

Sanju Samson has been one of the proven spin-hitters in the league and he is going up against the best Indian spinner — Kuldeep Yadav. It could be the key contest of the match.

ISHANT FIT, WARNER YET TO BE

While DC head coach Ricky Ponting has confirmed that Ishant Sharma is fit and available for selection, he also said that David Warner is yet to pass the fitness test. DC would want more from Jake Fraser-McGurk and Prithvi Shaw.

Delhi Capitals **vs** Rajasthan Royals, New Delhi

Live on Star Sports and JioCinema, 7.30PM

T20 WORLD CUP

Trinidad PM reveals threat; robust plan in place, says ICC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

EVEN as Trinidad Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley revealed the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup to be held in the United States and Caribbean has received security threats, the global cricketing body has said that they have a comprehensive and robust security plan in place. The 20-team tournament that will begin in New York on June 1 will be hosted by nine venues, including six in the West Indies. The final of the tournament will be held in Barbados on June 29.

According to reports, the threat is for the matches to be hosted by the West Indies. "Unfortunately, the threat of terrorism in its many and varied expressions is an ever-present danger in the world of the 21st century," Rowley was quoted as saying by 'Trinidad Daily Express'. The Trinidad PM added that additional efforts will be put in to ensure the security and the preparations. "Given the fact that bad actors can choose to misbehave in any way possible, it makes it virtually impossible to completely seal off all opportunities. However, in order to ameliorate these dangers, we at the local and regional levels have remained alert to many threats and singularly or together have our intelligence and other security agencies working to protect the population in countries and at venues throughout the tournament," he added.

Meanwhile, responding to the development, the ICC said that a "comprehensive and robust security plan" is in place. "Safety and security of everyone at the event is our number one priority and we have a comprehensive and robust security plan in place," an ICC spokesperson said. "We work closely with authorities in our host countries and continually monitor and evaluate the global landscape to ensure appropriate plans are in place to mitigate any risks identified to our event." Apart from Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Guyana, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and Grenada will host the matches in the Caribbean. The US leg will feature games in Florida, New York and Texas.

Men and women's 4x400m relay teams earn Oly qualification

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

THINGS did not begin the way India had envisioned at the World Athletics Relay in the Bahamas. The first day had a heartbreak when one of the quartet in the men's 4x400m relay had to pull out due to cramps. No time was recorded. That meant it was left for the final day to ensure they don't miss out on a spot at the Paris Olympics on Sunday. The top 14 in seven heats qualify for the Olympics. Remaining two slots will be reserved for the WA top list that closes on June 30, the last day of qualification window. The surprise pack, however, was the qualification of the women's team in 4x400m. The Athletics Federation of India had been saying that the women's team is a work in progress but the quartet of Rupal Chaudhary, Jyothika Sri Dandi, MR Poovamma, and Subha Venkatesan managed a second place finish with a modest timing of 3:29.35s. They finished behind Jamaica.

For India, the focus was on the men's team because of their stunning performance at the World Athletics Championships last year. The team clocked the best time by an Indian quartet and also set an Asian record with a timing of 2:59.05s finishing fifth in the final. Injured Rajesh Ramesh's slot was filled by veteran Arokiya Rajeev who joined Muhammed Anas, Amoj Jacob and Muhammed Ajmal in the seven-team heats. The United States, who were disqualified on Saturday, was clubbed with India in Heat One along with Mexico, Bahamas, Qatar and Kenya. The Dominican Republic did not start. Qatar did not finish and Mexico, Kenya and Bahamas finished below India, who clocked season's best of 3:03.23s. Even for the US, 2:59.95 was an SB.

"The results were on expected lines," said Athletics Federation of India president Adille Sumariwalla, adding India would have anyway qualified based on their world championships performance last year. "The men's team ran very well. This also shows that we are within striking distance in the world," he told this daily from the Bahamas. "We are among the top and if everything goes off well on a good day with good baton exchange and running we can win a medal." He said that they were not worried after Rajesh was injured. "We had a substitute," he said. "We have enough time, about two and half months, to improve and we will definitely do well."

Sumariwalla still thinks that the women's team is still a work in progress. "We are still working on the women's team. The timing was modest and now with more time we will definitely improve." He also said that they have not yet fixed the final four runners. "The two runners — Subha Venkatesan and Jyothika Sri — are more or less fixed, but the other two places can be filled by the best runners, which we identify later closer to the Games," he said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Trekking, family & being vocal: Phurba's mantra to success

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

PHURBA Lachenpa is fond of the mountains.

Whenever the Indian footballer gets time off, he goes trekking.

Coming from Lachen, a tranquil region located at an elevation of around 8500 feet above sea level in North Sikkim, it was only natural for him to be enamoured by the mountains. "Because I'm a mountain person, I love trekking. During my holidays, I go to mountain base camps like Kangchenjunga. Now, I really want to go to Mount Everest base camp. In Sikkim too, we have lots of places to go for trekking near my hometown. That is one of the best things for me," Phurba says.

Phurba has scaled many challenges in his flourishing life so far and he climbed another mountain, metaphorically speaking, on Saturday.

The 26-year-old, who plies his trade miles away with Mumbai City FC, finished on top in the goalkeeping department in the just-concluded Indian Super League Season. Moreover, his standout show between the sticks helped his club clinch the coveted ISL title on the final day. Phurba claimed the Golden Glove with as many as nine clean sheets in 22 matches during the season. In the final that was held in Kolkata, Mumbai beat Mohun Bagan Super Giant 3-1. "Given the circumstances, we did quite well. Credit goes to everyone, especially our Indian players who played to their potential and did a pretty good job. Beating Mohun Bagan in their own turf in front of 62,000-odd fans in hot and humid conditions, it was good. Overall, we had a successful season," Phurba reflects.

It is clear that Phurba, who has been with Mumbai since 2020, is in no mood to get carried away with his success. His hunger is evident as he spoke about his aspirations. "At the club level, I have been playing constantly for three years now. I'm hoping for more games in the national team and I want to make my international debut in the near future. That's my dream. I'm working constantly trying to improve myself because there's always room to improve. We never stop learning. We have every tool in the club to become a better player and better person as well."

Coming from a remote region to being one of the bright faces in Indian football, Phurba has come a long way and it's evident that he has evolved over the years. The fact that he was handed the captaincy during the season speaks for itself. That experience has handed him an extra kick.

"In any sport, you're not just made captain for the sake of it. So I think the coaches and everyone else saw something in me. It was big. When someone puts that level of trust on you, you have to work harder and repay that faith put in you. I'm doing that and I hope to do that in future too," he notes.

Mumbai conceded the least amount of goals (19) during the league stages. Phurba said being vocal as a goalkeeper has helped him over the years. "It is very important to be vocal as a goalkeeper. We can see everything from behind. If we have good understanding between the defenders and the goalkeeper, there'll be less confusion and miscommunication."

On the personal front, Phurba's family has been a rock for him, handing him the freedom to express himself on the field. "My mother, my brother and wife have been my biggest influences. They have never put pressure on me and given me the freedom to do my thing. My wife, who I have known for nine years or so, also helps me keep my feet on the ground," Phurba, who has played for Shillong Lajong and Real Kashmir FC in the past, says.

Currently near his hometown, Phurba will be away from the sport for a brief period and will join the national camp after that.

With a firm head on his shoulders and after an award-winning season, Phurba will be hoping to climb higher in the days to come.

MOST CLEAN SHEETS (TOP 5)

Player	Club	Games	Clean Sheets
Phurba Lachenpa	Mumbai City FC	22	9
Amrinder Singh	Odisha FC	24	9
Vishal Kaith	Mohun Bagan	25	9
Arshdeep Singh	FC Goa	15	7
Prabhsukhan Singh	East Bengal	21	7

**Phurba won as he achieved the specified clean sheets in less number of matches*

'NoWins' no more as Norris claims 1st win

AGENCIES @ Miami Gardens (US)

Lando Norris celebrates his win | AFP

FORMULA One has built much of its recent success in the United States on the Netflix reality doc series 'Drive to Survive' but with Max Verstappen utterly dominating there was an acute need for a plot twist.

That arrived in Miami, when Lando Norris, the McLaren driver, pulled off a surprise win over the Dutchman. Verstappen has won four of the six races this season and it would be unwise for anyone to see Norris's win as the sign of a change in fortunes for the three-times world champion, but to maintain interest.

It was certainly a feel-good story, Norris came into Miami having had a record 15 podium finishes without a win — with eight of those second-place finishes. Near-misses, such as at Sochi in 2021 when he led late but paid the price for failing to switch tyres in time during heavy rain, led to some taunting of Norris including the nickname 'Lando NoWins'.

Results: 1. Lando Norris (GBR/McLaren) 308 km in 1h 30:49.876, 2. Max Verstappen (NED/Red Bull) + 7.612, 3. Charles Leclerc (MON/Ferrari) + 9.920, 4. Sergio Perez (MEX/Red Bull) + 14.650; 5. Carlos Sainz Jr (ESP/Ferrari) + 16.407* Carlos was handed a penalty.

Defence key as PSG & Dortmund target final

AGENCIES @ Paris

KYLIAN Mbappe plays his final CL game in Paris with PSG. But it's the defence that is back in the spotlight. No doubt Mbappe will be greeted with loud cheers and applause when he takes to the Parc des Princes pitch on Tuesday night. It will be his final Champions League match in the French capital in a Paris Saint-Germain shirt. Mbappe is leaving the club this summer after a seven-season stint, hoping the journey concludes with a Champions League triumph in Wembley on June 1.

But first things first, as Mbappe tries to engineer a fightback in the second leg of their semifinal against Borussia Dortmund, trailing 1-0 from the first leg. The striker was a disappointment in the first leg and PSG now expects a strong reaction from the club's all-time leading scorer to overturn the deficit, especially after he failed to score in his last two appearances against Dortmund. "We're confident we'll come back from that score and qualify for the final," Mbappe said.

DREAM JOURNEY

After years of toil, Kathryn & Co make history for Scotland

KALYANI MANGALE @Chennai

THE moment Kathryn Bryce smashed the four off Ireland's Eimear Richardson at the Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi on May 5, Scotland women created history.

For the first time ever, after years and years of so near yet so far moments in the World Cup Qualifiers, Scotland women had qualified for the T20 World Cup. The tear-filled celebrations went on and for Sue Strachan, the former president of Cricket Scotland, it was a moment of jubilation and reflection. "I was just contemplating the journey. It has been a very emotional day," Strachan told this daily. "Relief was the dominant emotion (when Kathryn hit the winning runs.) It made me think of all the people who have come before us. All the people who have put work into Scottish women's cricket, who've played for Scotland before and all those people have just failed to qualify and never had the opportunity to play in the World Cup before. I'm so delighted for this group of players, this squad, and their coaches that they will get to show the world what we can do."

Scotland women qualified for their maiden T20 World Cup on Sunday | ICC

The draw was not easy for Scotland as they started their tournament with a whopping 109-run win against Uganda, but had no answers against Chamari Athapaththu-led Sri Lanka as they lost by 10 wickets. However, Kathryn Bryce led the team in all departments to take her side to the semifinal, where Ireland, the other ICC full-member nation, were waiting for them. Kathryn again came through to take four crucial wickets and followed it with an unbeaten 35 runs alongside her sister and wicketkeeper Sarah to finally cross the line. "Kathryn is one of those big game players. When an important team comes around, she relishes the challenge," Strachan added.

After confirming their WC ticket to Bangladesh for the event, Scotland will face Sri Lanka in the final of the qualifier on Tuesday. The result will determine if Scotland will be in Group A or B. However, Strachan is not worried. "I think for us, whichever group we're put in, we will do our best to show all those teams in that group how good we are."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

India defeat Bangladesh, lead series 4-0

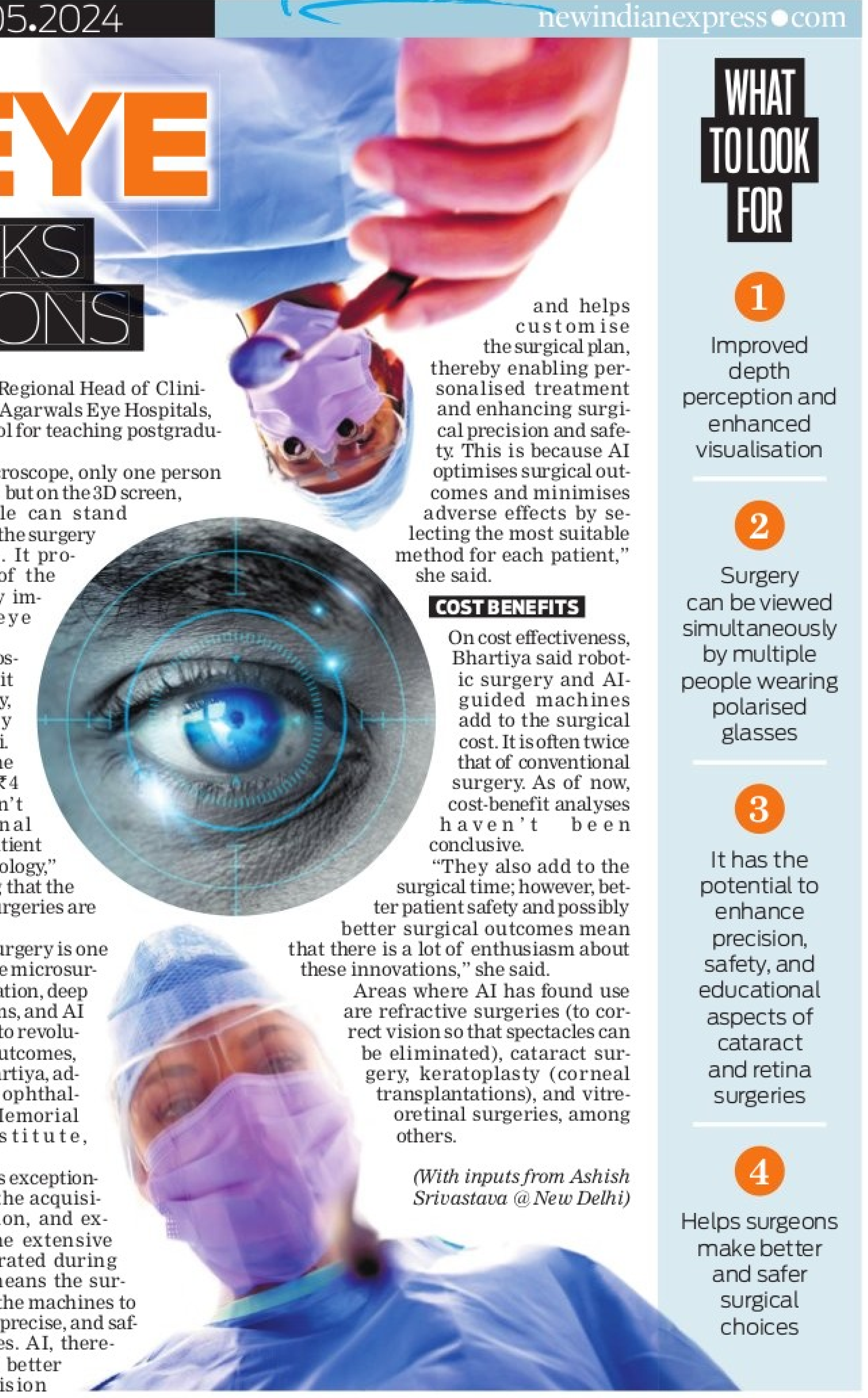
SYLHET: India continued their dominant run against Bangladesh with a 56-run win via Duckworth-Lewis method in the rain curtailed fourth women's T20 here on Monday. India handed a maiden debut to 33-year-old leg spinner Asha Shobhana, who returned with figures of 2/18 in three overs.

T20 WC: Nsubuga set to become oldest player

KAMPALA: Uganda off-spinner Frank Nsubuga is set to become the oldest cricketer to play in the T20 World Cup at the age of 43. On Monday, the Uganda Cricket Association announced a 15-member squad for the event set to be held in the Americas from June 2, the nation's first-ever appearance in the main round of the competition.

AI FOR EYE

HOW TECH SHRINKS STRESS IN SURGEONS



SINDUJA JANE @Chennai

DR MOHAN Rajan does around 20 cataract surgeries on a busy day. Quite a task for any eye surgeon to bend down and look into the microscope while peeling off the clouded natural lens from behind the cornea. Not anymore.

Now, he wears polarised glasses, watches a giant, high-definition 3D TV screen, and does the surgery standing by the bedside of the patient. That's how an AI-assisted three-dimensional surgical visualisation system works.

The 3D visualisation technology assisted by AI is used in various surgical procedures, including cataract and retinal surgeries. The technology is nascent in India, and only a few hospitals are currently using it.

ADVANTAGES GALORE

It has many advantages over traditional surgical microscopes, such as improved depth perception and enhanced visualisation, which improve surgical outcomes. It also enhances the ability to record and share surgical procedures for educational purposes, said Rajan, chairman and medical director, Rajan Eye Care Hospital.

The equipment includes a high-definition 3D display, a camera mounted on the surgical microscope, and specialised software to process and display the 3D images. Surgeons wear polarised glasses to view the 3D images on the display. The surgery can be simultaneously viewed by multiple people wearing polarised glasses in the operation theatre. Heads-up 3D visualisation requires specific training for surgeons.

Overall, the technology has the potential to enhance the precision, safety, and educational aspects of cataract and retina surgeries, benefiting both surgeons and patients, added Rajan. Doctors have performed around 3,000 surgeries since it was introduced at the Rajan Eye Care Hospital. Almost all eye surgeries, from simple cataracts to complicated surgeries, are performed using 3D technology, the doctor said.

Dr. S Soundari, Regional Head of Clinical Services at Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospitals, said it is a good tool for teaching postgraduate students.

In case of a microscope, only one person can use it at a time, but on the 3D screen, around 10 people can stand around and watch the surgery and learn things. It provides the depth of the eye, which is very important for eye surgery.

Dr. Agarwal's Hospitals, which used it as a demo recently, has plans to buy one, says Soundari.

"The cost of the tool is around ₹4 crore, but we don't charge additional money from the patient for using the technology," said Rajan, adding that the outcomes of the surgeries are good.

Given that eye surgery is one of the most delicate microsurgeries, 3D visualisation, deep learning algorithms, and AI have the potential to revolutionise surgical outcomes, said Dr. Shibal Bhartiya, additional director, ophthalmology, Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram.

"AI demonstrates exceptional proficiency in the acquisition, interpretation, and extrapolation of the extensive digital data generated during surgeries. This means the surgeon is guided by the machines to make better, more precise, and safer surgical choices. AI, therefore, helps attain better post-operative vision and helps customise the surgical plan, thereby enabling personalised treatment and enhancing surgical precision and safety. This is because AI optimises surgical outcomes and minimises adverse effects by selecting the most suitable method for each patient," she said.

COST BENEFITS

On cost effectiveness, Bhartiya said robotic surgery and AI-guided machines add to the surgical cost. It is often twice that of conventional surgery. As of now, cost-benefit analyses haven't been conclusive.

"They also add to the surgical time; however, better patient safety and possibly better surgical outcomes mean that there is a lot of enthusiasm about these innovations," she said.

Areas where AI has found use are refractive surgeries (to correct vision so that spectacles can be eliminated), cataract surgery, keratoplasty (corneal transplantations), and vitreoretinal surgeries, among others.

(With inputs from Ashish Srivastava @New Delhi)

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

1. Improved depth perception and enhanced visualisation
2. Surgery can be viewed simultaneously by multiple people wearing polarised glasses
3. It has the potential to enhance precision, safety, and educational aspects of cataract and retina surgeries
4. Helps surgeons make better and safer surgical choices

Leg-up to vericose vein treatment

ANNA JOSE @Kochi

CHRONIC Venous Insufficiency, a condition when the veins on the legs are damaged, is often seen in several people. While the traditional way of treating the condition was surgery, the condition can now be treated with minimally invasive procedures as well. There is a superficial venous system and a deep venous system.

Dr Shaheer Ali, senior consultant and head of department of interventional radiology said normally the direction of the blood flow in the leg is from the superficial to the deep vein system. "What happens in venous valvular incompetence is there happens a flow from the deep venous system to the superficial venous system - the superficial system dilates and can causes varicose veins. It can occur in the region of the thigh and leg," he said.

He added chronic venous insufficiency is very common, as 25% of the population is affected. "It is commonly seen in people with jobs where they have to stand for a prolonged period of time, like teachers, shopkeepers, traffic police etc," he said.

Symptoms

● Swelling of the legs ● Pain ● Itchy and weak legs ● Discolouration of legs ● Varicose veins ● Leg ulcers ● Heaviness of legs

Muscle cramps: In some people, these symptoms may affect the day-to-day activities.

XPLAINER

"An ultrasound scan of the lower limb is performed to see if there is Deep vein thrombosis and at what levels there is insufficiency," said Dr Lijesh Kumar, head of the department and senior consultant in endovascular and interventional Radiology. "In females, pregnancy is a trigger factor and is the initial cause of varicose vein. Another thing is Deep vein thrombosis - which can cause thrombosis and damage to the valvular system," added Dr Shaheer. Dr Lijesh added there is a CEAP classification to treat superficial vein insufficiency according to its symptoms. "There are several stages. The first stage is small spider veins. The second stage is a big varicose vein. The third stage is swelling (oedema) in the leg, the fourth stage is blackening of the leg, the fifth stage is dry wounds and the sixth stage is active ulceration," according to him. Initially, people used to undergo surgery to treat the condition.

"But now, the surgery has been replaced by multiple modalities of minimally invasive treatments," said Dr Shaheer, adding the minimally invasive treatment is a one-day procedure. "In the early stages, compression stockings and lifestyle modifications like exercise, walking, etc are the conservative mechanisms. In later stages, multiple treatment options like laser ablation, Radiofrequency ablation, and venaseal surgery exist. Treatment option is selected based on patient expectations, and clinical and doppler findings. Not every stage requires laser treatment or surgery," said Dr Lijesh.

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TENDER NOTICE No. C/SG/C/36/5/394 Dt:03.05.2024

PUB/0416

For and on Behalf of President of India, Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Projects) South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites E-Tenders (Open) for the following work upto 14.00 hrs on 08.06.2024.

Sl.No.: 1 Tender No.: C/SG/C/36/5/394 **Description of work:** Comprehensive Signaling and telecommunication works for provision of ABS Automatic Block Signaling system in Nandalur - Renigunta jn section of Guntakal division in South Central Railway **Period of completion:** 540 Days

Please visit Indian Government tender Portal Website www.ireps.gov.in for all particulars including Full Description of the work, tender conditions, eligibility criteria and details, downloading of tender document of the above works

A0534 Dy. Chief S&T Engineer (Projects) Secunderabad

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, please visit website at www.ireps.gov.in http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client has negotiated the purchase of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder 'Schedule Property' from its present owner Smt. Kavya K.M. daughter of Late K.R. Mallegowda, Kodlipet, Doddakodli, Somavarapete, Kodagu Village.

If any person/s, Bank/Society /Firm or anybody having any right, title, interest or claims over the below mentioned property, may lodge his/her/their/claims if any in writing with authenticated documentary evidence, to the undersigned within **Seven days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, falling which it shall be construed by our client that there are no claims/objections of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule property and the intended transaction will be finalized by our client as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned and our client will go ahead with the intended sale transaction in respect of the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.6, property No.1628/212/01/06, PID No.150200301700220919, Converted vide Conversion order No. ALN(S)SR(K.T)68/2005-06, dated:17-10-2005, formed in Sy. No.212/1 measuring 1 acre 12 Guntas Khatha No.15/3, Situated at Kurubarahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South eastern side 58 feet and Western side 46 feet in all measuring 1560 Sq. feet along with building and bounded on: **East by** : Road, **West by** : Others property, **North by** : Road, **South by** : Site No.5.

CHANDRIKA P. SHETTY, Advocate,
No.119, First Floor, Opp. Tata Silk Farm Bus Stop, K.R. Road, Bangalore-04.

IN THE COURT OF THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT AT BENGALURU.

C. Misc. No. 401/2024

BETWEEN: Smt. RIZWANA, D/o Late M. Abdul Jaleel, C/o Ayub Khan, 47/38, 3rd Main 3rd Cross, New Gurappan playa, Bangalore South, Bengaluru Karnataka-560029, (Aadhar No.8888 7945 5286) ... **PETITIONER**

AND: THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTH & DEATH, Office of the Commissioner/Asst., Director, East Region, BBMP., BENGALURU ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the Petitioner has filed the above petition for seeking the death certificate of her deceased father Late M. Abdul Jaleel, S/o Miyan Khan, from the respondent authority, who died on 03-07-2020 at No.47/38, New Gurappan playa, Bengaluru-560029.

Whereas, any person interested to prosecute the aforesaid petition and file their objection to this petition, may appear on **04-06-2024** at **11-00 AM,** either in person or through pleader/advocate to answer all the issues involved in the above petition, before the Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru Rural District at Bengaluru.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 03-05-2024.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Advocate for the Petitioner: **Sri. Shivanna**
Advocate Legal Consultant
No.28, 12th Main, Jayanagar 4th Block
Bengaluru- 560 011, Mob.No. 9901507257

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owner Viz., Mr. V. P. Raghavan.

If anybody is having any objections, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s within **Seven (7) days** from the date of this publication. Failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/objections /disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing New Sy No. 112/4, Old Sy No. 112/1 (Previous Sy No. 112), measuring 1 Acre 29 Guntas, situated at Huskur Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on the; **East by** : Land in Sy No. 112/2.
West by : Land in Sy No. 113.
North by : Road.
South by : Land in Sy No. 114 and Land in Sy No. 111.

PRAVEENA S ADVOCATE
No.22, 2nd Floor, Papanna Building, Opp. Sub-Register Office, Begur Main Road, Begur, Bengaluru 560068
Mob:9353004466/9886077827

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Doddakanahalli Branch, No. 4, Junnasandra, Carmelaram Post, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore - 560 035. Ph: 080- 2844 1577, M-9821505640, e-mail: cb2757@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Doddakanahalli Branch** of the Canara Bank , will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **10/06/2024** from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. for recovery of **Rs.2,03,90,040.75** interest from 05.05.2024 due to **Doddakanahalli Branch** of Canara Bank from **1.Mrs Sowmya S** W/o K.S. Muralidhara, No.212, Dwaraka Nilayam, 2nd Floor, Ananthnagar, Hosur Road, Electronic City Phase 2, Bangalore - 560 100, **2. Mrs. Ramalakshmamma M.** W/o. Sheshadraiah, No.212, Dwaraka Nilayam, 2nd Floor, Ananthnagar, Hosur Road, Electronic City Phase 2, Bangalore - 560 100, **3. Sri K. S. Muralidhara (Guarantor)** S/o. Sheshadraiah, No.212, Dwaraka Nilayam, 2nd Floor, Ananthnagar, Hosur Road, Electronic City Phase 2, Bangalore - 560 100.

The reserve price will be **Rs.48,95,000/-** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 4,89,500/-** The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **06/06/2024 upto 4 pm.**

Description of the immovable property

All that piece and parcel of 3 BHK flat bearing no. 212, having E-Khatha no. 7655/SF/212, having super built area of 1300 Sq.ft. on the second floor of together with RCC roofing vetrified flooring along with one Covered Car parking space including proportionate share in common areas such as passages lobbies, Staircase etc in the multi-storied building known as 'SRI DWARAKA NILAYAM'

Annexure-1 : **Description of the full land where flat is being constructed.**

All that piece and Parcel of the residentially converted land in Sy. No. 9/2, 9/4 and 9/13 (duly converted for residential purposes by the order dated 04.09.2004 of Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) earlier bearing V.P. Khata nos. 5078/9/2, 5077/9/4 & 5079/9/13 respectively and later clubbed Khata no. 7336, situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. Measuring 23 guntas or 25047 Sq.ft.

Bound by: East by : Land by Sy. No.9/2, 9/1, 9/4, West by : Nala, North by : Road, South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 8/12 & 9/1.

EMD shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, **Doddakanahalli** Branch, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 209272434, Canara Bank, **Doddakanahalli** Branch, Bangalore, Bangalore RTGS/NEFT CODE CNRB0002757 on or before **06.06.2024 upto 4.00 pm.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer service providers Website : https://indianbankseauction.com or may contact or may contact **Canara Bank, Doddakanahalli Branch** Ph. No. 080-28441577/ M- 9821505640 email: cb2757@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day OR the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore, Contact No:9832952602/080-23469665, Email Id: eauction@ccsl.co.in,

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 06.05.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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REGIONAL OFFICE-BANGALORE,
Door No.61, SIB Arcade, Wheelers Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005,
Phone-080-25479091 / 25479092,email-ro1010@sib.co.in.

RO-BNGL/0518/Sale/37/2024-25 **Date : 06.05.2024**

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to The South Indian Bank Limited, **Branch Bangalore Sarjapura Road** (Secured Creditor), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on 31.05.2024, for recovery of an amount Rs.94,21,647.42 (Rupees Ninety Four Lakh Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Fourty Seven and paisa forty two only) as on 06.05.2024 due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Bangalore Sarjapura Road, (Secured Creditor) from the below mentioned Borrower(s) / guarantor(s) **1) Mr. Basheer M.M,** [Proprietor: M/s. Bangalore Trading Corporation, #186, Muthanallur Cross, Sarjapur Road, Dommasandra, Bangalore-562125 **2) Mrs. Shamla K.H.** W/o. Mr. Basheer M.M, No. **1** and No. **2** residing at: E-305, Trinity Sunrise Apartment, Somapura, Off. Sarjapura Main Road, Bangalore-562107

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential flat bearing No E-305 measuring 1410 Square feet with VP Khata no 545/E.305(Old khata No 36/E-305 third floor along with terrace area in E Block along with Car parking area and proportionate undivided rights and rights over common areas and amenities in Apartment Complex by name 'Trinity Sunrise" in land in Sy No 37/1B and Sy 37/1C at Somapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and the property is owned by Mr Basheer M M and Shamla K H under Sale deed 547/14-15 dt 14.05.2014in SRO Sarjapur. The land is bounded by North: Property in Sy No 37, East: Property of Chowda Reddy, South : Road, West : Property of Pappa Reddy and others

Reserve Price	**Rs.39,98,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.4,00,000.00 (Rupees Four Lakh Only)** **EMD shall be deposited on or before 30.05.2024 till 4.00 PM**
Bid Increment amount	**Rs.10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)**
Date and time of E-auction	**31.05.2024 from 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)**
Encumbrances known to the Bank	**Encumbrances from 01.04.2014 to 14.04.2023 and it contains sale agreement entry subsequent to our mortgage.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in web portal of South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. www.southindianbank.com. Details also available at https://bankauctions.in

For any further clarification with regards to inspection of property, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of bids, kindly contact South Indian Bank Ltd on 9900931599 / 9620704416 (Pradeep /Darshan)

Place : Bangalore

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER
The South Indian Bank Ltd.

KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK
(A Scheduled Bank Established by Government of India: Sponsored by Canara Bank)
Regional Office, Bengaluru, R & L Section
Ph: 080-23186095,23217079 : Email: roblr.rlw@kgbk.in
No.19-19/1, 2nd floor, South End Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004

DEMAND NOTICE

(SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT-2002)

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREIN AFTER CALLED THE ACT)

At the request, Bank has extended credit facility to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned Branch as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds Simple mortgage are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice dated as mentioned below sent by register post AD calling upon you, was unserved / not acknowledged. Hence this paper notification.

KONANAKUNTE BRANCH : Sl.No. 1) Name & Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor: (1) Smt. Jayashree S W/o Shanmugam R, R @ #52, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk-560061 **(2) Sri. Shanmugam** S/o Rajendra, R/@ # 3, 9th Main Road, GB Palya Road, Hongasandra, Bangalore-560068 **Guarantors: (3) Sri. Ranganatha K** S/o Krishna, R/@ # 94, 5th Main Road, 2nd Cross, 1st Block, Jayanagar, Dayananda Nagar, Bangalore-560041 **(4) Sri Hariraman** S/o Krishnappa, R/@ # 9, 9th Main Road, 7th Cross, Hongasandra, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560068.

Liability: Rs.28,93,760/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty only) as on 26.04.2024 and interest from 27.04.2024.

NPA Date: 25.04.2024 **Demand Notice Date: 30.04.2024**

Details of Secured Property: Property is held in the name of **Sri. Jayashree S W/o Shanmugam R.** Residential House Property bearing Site No. 52, Khatha No.52/74 in Sy. No. 74, Property Measuring E-W: 15Ft, N-S :40 Ft, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk-560061, **Boundaries : East** : Government Land, **West** : Remaining Portion of same property, **North** : Road, **South** : Site No.48.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 2 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 06.05.2024
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Karnataka Gramin Bank

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RMV EXTENSION BRANCH, New Corporation No. 3, 17th Cross Road, Near Janata Bazar, Upper Palace Orchards, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru - 560 080.
Tele : 080 - 23615897, email ID : cb0888@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of RMV Extn. Branch Bangalore of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **29.05.2024**, for recovery of **Rs 47,68,186.26** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty Six and Twenty Six Paise Only) as on **03.05.2024** plus further interest @ 11.25% pa compounded monthly from **04.05.2024** and cost due to the Canara Bank RMV Extn. Branch from Borrowers **Sri.LOKESH S K and Smt. SUMA C**

The reserve price of the property will be Rs 36,45,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs and Forty Five thousand only) **and the earnest money deposit (EMD) is 10% of Reserve Price of the property i.e, Rs 3,64,500/-.**

The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 28.05.2024 up to 4.00 pm.

Details and full description of the property(ies):

Schedule A Property

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of immovable residential house 61/1, PID. No. 14-27-61/1, 13th Cross Road, Maramma Temple Road, Ward No. 14, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bangalore - 560010 and measuring East – West : 15.00 feet and North-South : 36.00 feet, in all measuring 540.00 Square feet and bounded on the East: House of Kodagahalli, West: Remaining Portion of the same Property, North: Passage then house of Hosamane Byrappa Passage, South: Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www. canarabank. com) or may contact Branch Manager through RMV Extn. Branch Bangalore, Canara bank, Ph. No. 9483520888 during office hours on any working day.

E-auction arranged by the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd. through the website www.indianbankseauction.com

Place: Bangalore
Date: 03.05.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

IDBI BANK
Anekal Branch, Bengaluru District - 562106

SHIFTING OF BRANCH

We are pleased to announce the shifting of our **ANEKAL BRANCH** to a more convenient and spacious location with effect from 10.06.2024

EXISTING ADDRESS	NEW ADDRESS
Mayur complex, No.8 Hosapet, Anekal - 562106	**Ward No.8, Mirza Road, Bayyanna Layout, Site No. 48 & 47A, Beside Milk Dairy, Anekal - 562106**

Sd/-
Branch Manager

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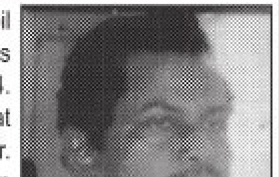

Thomas, aged 77, S/o Cosmos, Pallichaparambil House, Lourd Road, Vaduthala, Ernakulam has been missing from his house since 29.03.2024. In this regard, a case has been registered at Ernakulam Town North Police Station under Cr. No. 463/2024 U/S 57 KP Act. If any information about this person, please contact at the following telephone numbers.

1. District Police Chief, Kochi City: 0484 2385000
2. Deputy Police Commissioner, Kochi City: 0484 2385001
3. Assistant Police Commissioner: 9497940866
4. Sub Inspector of Police, ET North PS: 9497980402

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CHANDRA LAYOUT BRANCH
Door No. 1234, 8th Cross, 1t Stage, 2nd Phase, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560040.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) thatthe below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession 02.01.2024 of has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", As is what is" and "whatever there in" on 12.06.2024, 11:00 am to 01:00 pm** for recovery of **Rs.6915238/- as on 20.02.2024** plus subsequent interest and other charges. **BORROWER/S: 1. Mr. Gajendra Kumar .D S/o Mr. R. Devaraju #1832, 1st Block, Sir M V Layout, Nagadevanahalli, Jnanabharathi Post, Bengaluru- 560056. Also At: #102, 1st Floor, Manjunath Residency, Vijayashree Layout, Mylasandra, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 560060. GUARANTOR/S: Mr. Devaraju R S/o Ramanjulu Naidu, #1832, 1st Block, Sir M V Layout, Nagadevanahalli, Jnanabharathi Post, Bengaluru- 560056. The reserve Price will be Rs.5746000/- and EMD deposit will be Rs.574600/- (10% of Reserve Price).**

Details of immovable secured assets to be sold: Schedule Property is in the name of Mr. Gajendra Kumar D: Schedule A Property: All that piece and parcel of Site Bearing No.68, Khata No.2082, having BBMP Khata No.68/2082/2503 Formed In Converted Sy.No.47/1(Duly Converted From Agricultural To No-Agricultural Residential Purposes By The Deputy Commissioner, Vide Order No.BDS:ALN(S)SR(KT):29/2004-05 Dated 26/06/2004) Situated At Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Now Called As ABM Residency, Measuring East To West 70 Feet And North To South 50 Feet In All Measuring 3500 Sq.ft and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Plot No.79, **North by:** Plot No.69, **South by:** Plot No.67. **Schedule B Property:** 1/9th Undivided Share In Schedule-A Property Which Works Out Of 350 sq ft. **Schedule C Property:** A Three Bed Room Apartment In First Floor Bearing Fat No. 102, Apartment named As Manjunath Residency Having Super Built Up Areas Of 1455 sq.ft t RCC Roofed, Vitrified flooring, and Hone Wood Doors and windows with One Covered Car Parking in Stilt Floor.

For Details terms and condition of the sale, please referto the link provided in
(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) www.unionbankofindia.co.in
The intending purchaser require to register through :
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DAY'S DIARY

Birth of Sony

On this day in 1946, Tokyo Tsushin Kogyo KK, the predecessor of Sony started as a small company with capital of just 19,00,00 yen

THE FOUNDERS

Incorporated by Ibuka Masaru and Morita Akio, their partnership of 40 years was called "business history's most productive and intriguing relationships."

PRODUCTS

The company's first consumer product was an electric rice cooker. In 1952, it became the first firm to license the transistor by Bell Labs

NEW NAME

The company name of Sony was created by combining two words — "sonus" and "sonny". In 1958, it became Sony Corporation

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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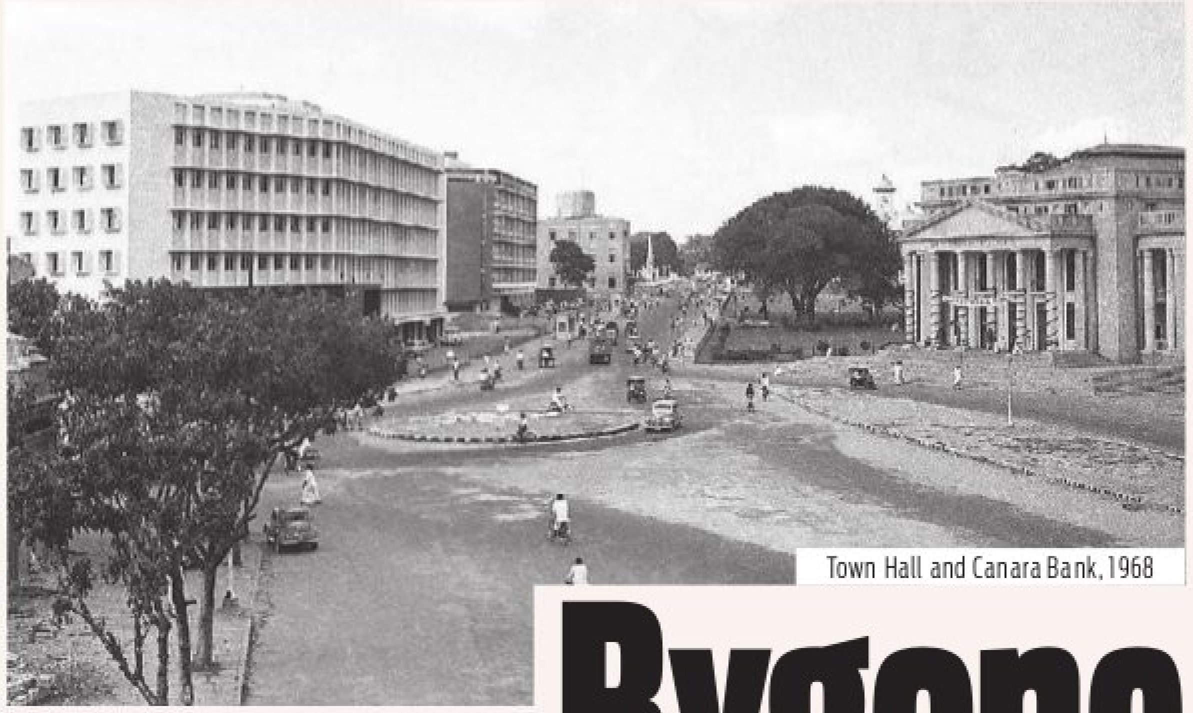

Town Hall and Canara Bank, 1968

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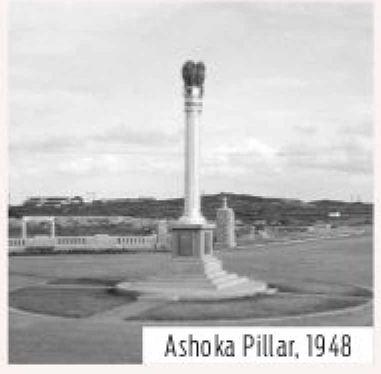


Ashoka Pillar, 1948

Bygone Beauty

All things old Bengaluru feature in Ramjee Chandran's lastest podcast *The History of Bangalore*, which also includes trivia about the city

MONIKA MONALISA

IT may seem like Bengaluru is at its hottest that it has ever been but podaster **Ramjee Chandran** says that the city has experienced heat waves before. "For about 85 years, the record for the hottest day of Bengaluru was 38.9 degrees Celsius, set on May 22, 1931. That record was broken on April 22, 2016, with 39.2 degrees," says Chandran. His latest podcast *The History of Bangalore* is filled with more such facts about the city.

The podcast comes from Chandran's curiosity about breaking myths and finding more information about Bengaluru's history. "I have attempted to find out more and more about the city. I thought I knew some of the history and I tried to figure out what drove some events of history at what point in time. As far as history is concerned, a lot of what is told is lost in a great deal of trivia," says Chandran.

As with any other history project, Chandran's research also started from archives. "I've been doing a lot of study, getting into the archives and even mining the other state archives as well. I have read some 88 books written about the colonial period," says Chandran. So far, season one has got five episodes, which are less than half an hour each. The season primarily revolves around the city's early history up to the time that Kempegowda built the city.

While there are many things that Bengaluru has been a pioneer in, there are details about certain parts of Bengaluru that do not get much spotlight. "For instance, you will hear how we had a very modern water management system in the eighth century in places like Begur. We know that Roman coins were found in Bengaluru, we have also found seals of the Roman coins here. So I have been interested in figuring out how all of this happened," he explains.

Being one of the British cantonments, Bengaluru has many stories around Winston Churchill; the most popular being Churchill's unpaid bill at Bangalore Club. However, Chandran claims the address of Churchill's residence is questionable. "46 Trinity Church Road, that's where he lived, and I found that after digging through the British Library Archives. But tracking it on Trinity Church Road is next to impossible since this dates back to the late 1800s," says Chandran, adding that there are many stories of Churchill wooing the inn owner's daughter in Whitefield but there is nothing in the archive confirming the same. "How is it that every little detail of Churchill's life is documented but not something like this," wonders Chandran, whose podcast is a part of the history book that is work-in- progress.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1884, the Dewan of Mysore Sheshadri Iyer, hired Benjamin Lewis Rice, a historian and Kannada scholar, as director of archaeology, and asked him to find out more about Bengaluru's history. The result was *Epigraphia Carnatica*, a 12-volume collection

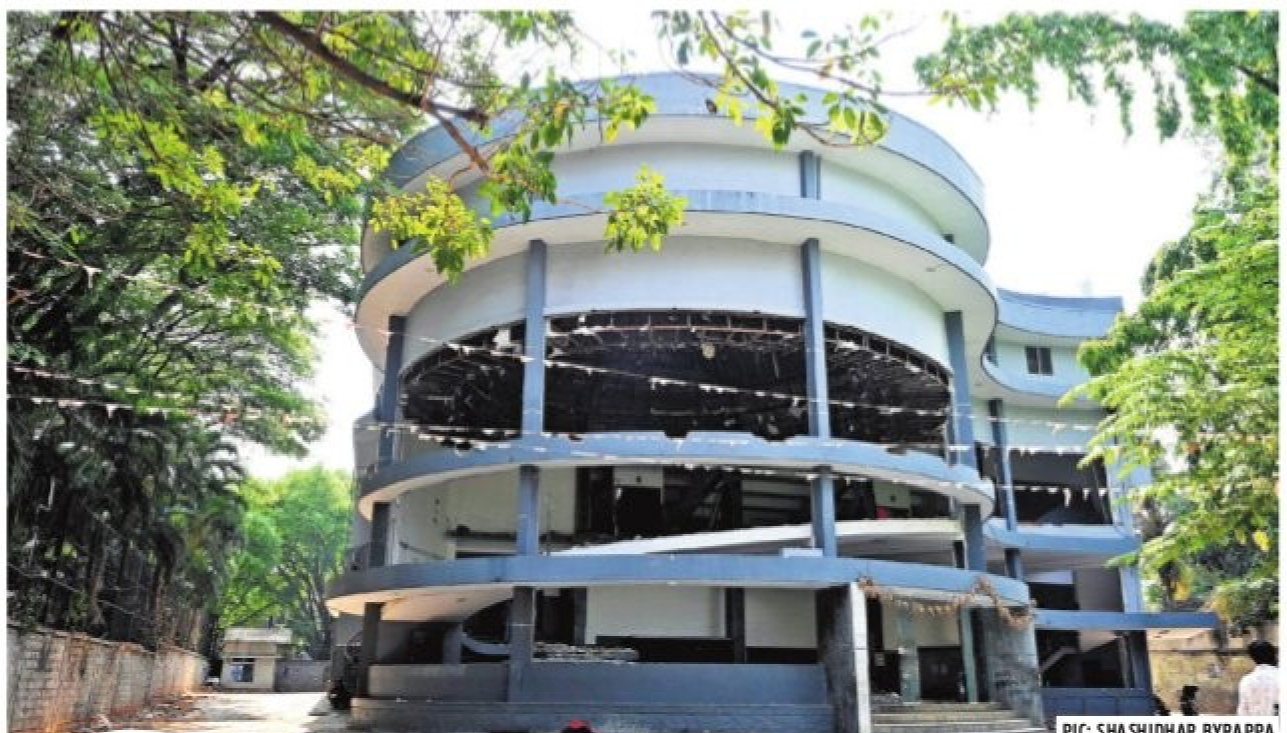
The earliest known shopping complex or mall of Bengaluru was around in the 1920s, at Campbells, 7 Brigade Road

While the British loved Bengaluru's weather, the only reason they moved from Srirangapatna was due to the mosquito menace

In 1982, a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed to protect a building from being torn down by the state. That was the first-ever PIL to be filed in the Karnataka High Court, and ironically, it was to protect the court.

Attara Kacheri

The iconic Cauvery theatre on Sankey Road, a cherished stop for B'luru's movie buffs, shuttered its doors for the final time. The film fraternity who has fond memories of watching their films at the theatre, share with **Dese Gowda**, the void this closure leaves behind



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Closing credits

RAMESH ARAVIND, actor-filmmaker

"I have fond memories of my films screening there. But it wasn't just my films; I saw many great movies there. The architecture was unique, from the stairs to the parking area, which was huge and seemed to fit any number of cars. But I think all these aspects are just nostalgia for me now. I'm sure the owners had their reasons for closing the theatre. When I started in the industry, the theatre was a juggernaut, but over the years, I've seen many like Cauvery crumble. It feels like that's just the way times are changing."

NIRUP BHANDARI, actor

Whenever we visited Bengaluru when I was young, we used to stay at a family friend's house near Cauvery theatre. After work, dad would take us to Cauvery. That was the only theatre I knew in B'luru until I moved back after graduation. I recall it being my first experience in an air-conditioned theatre. About 20-30 minutes into the film, I would begin feeling quite cold, and my dad would request the staff to lower the AC, which they would kindly agree to do.

NAGATHIHALLI CHANDRASHEKHAR, filmmaker

"Cauvery is the last of the six theatres – that screened my film *America America* for 100 days – to close. The news is heartbreaking. Theatres may be demolished, but not the nostalgic memories! We can't stop the changes. We have to accept them and live with the memories of our past glories! At the end of the day, they are commercial properties. For creators and audiences, it was a cultural platform filled with many memories."

RAJENDRA SINGH BABU, filmmaker

"Cauvery was a very beautiful theatre, but the rise of multiplexes has sadly sidelined these single-screen theatres. There's absolutely no support from the government, either state or central, to sustain these theatres. In Europe, such theatres are places where people meet and share ideas about films. That's why, when historic theatres began to close there, they introduced policy changes to prevent it. They offer many incentives to keep such theatres alive. Without adequate support and incentives, maintaining these theatres is very expensive and they cannot compete with multiplexes."

SHARMIELA MANDRE, actor

"This is such sad news; Cauvery theatre was my favourite growing up. It brings a flood of nostalgia. It was a cherished tradition for my mother and me – we, being movie buffs, would go to the first evening show on opening day right after school, usually with the whole family. Those moments were about more than just watching movies; they were about bonding over our shared love of films. Mum and I would also catch another movie at the Saturday matinee. The popcorn and the canteen offered some amazing food. They also had a mini balcony that I loved to visit on special occasions. Cauvery theatre holds a special place in my heart; it's a part of my growing years, and I will always cherish those memories."

By The Way

BIRTHDAY BASH IN NAMMA OORU

In what can only be described as a culinary home run, Bollywood icon Anushka Sharma celebrated her 36th birthday earlier this month, with her husband, cricketer Virat Kohli, at chef Manu Chandra's chic Bengaluru restaurant, Lupa. The evening was a gathering of stars, with cricketers like Glenn Maxwell and Faf du Plessis in attendance. The menu, personalised for the occasion, featured a cover boldly inscribed with 'Celebrating Anushka'. Kohli took to social media to share glimpses of this lavish affair, where heartfelt tributes from fans poured in.

CITY READ

ISKCON B'luru celebrates silver jubilee

The Brahma Rathotsava and the silver jubilee of ISKCON Bengaluru was celebrated recently. Brahmotsava is an important festival of ISKCON Bengaluru that commemorates the divine appearance of the deities in the temple on the Hare Krishna Hill. They were installed in 1997 in the month of Chaitra. Spiritual leaders, distinguished guests and lakhs of devotees from all over India have been participating in this 13-day event.

HOLY ANGEL'S HIGH SCHOOL
30 students of Holy Angel's High School, Haminagar, Vijayanagar, B'lore from ICSE board have been scored 85% and above
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XPRESS FOCUS

Incedo Co-founder & CEO Nitin Seth Unveils His Latest Book 'Mastering the Data Paradox'

Renowned technology entrepreneur, thought leader and best-selling author Nitin Seth recently announced the release of his latest book, "Mastering the Data Paradox," published by Penguin Random House India. The book unveiling event featured a panel of industry luminaries, including Pravin Rao, Former CEO, Infosys; Arvind Rathore – CEO & President, ARIT; Sudhir Banerjee, SVP, Teva Pharmaceutical.

Nitin Seth who is the Co-founder and CEO of Incedo Inc, previously served as the Chief Operating Officer of Flipkart, Managing Director and Country Head for Fidelity International in India, and Director of McKinsey's Global Knowledge Centre in India. He is also the bestselling author of "Winning in the Digital Age," which won 5 Best Business Book Awards globally.

In "Mastering the Data Paradox," Seth draws from his extensive three decades career leading transformative initiatives in business, digital, data, and AI for global organisations. The book is a comprehensive, yet simple and actionable guide aimed at helping individuals and enterprises unlock the true potential of AI by leveraging the transformative power of data.

With each new industrial revolution, global dynamics evolve and the world order shifts."

The book delves into the many paradoxes of data - its potential for positive impact versus its overwhelming complexity. Seth advocates that mastering the data paradox is necessary, and he attempts to answer key questions such as why and how AI powered by data can create transformational value for enterprises and individuals.

For more information about the book, visit https://masteringthedataparadox.com

Radio City to Redefine Entertainment with launch on JioTV

Radio City, a trailblazer in vibrant music and engaging content, has announced its debut on JioTV. This pioneering fusion marks a significant milestone as Radio City becomes the first-ever radio station in the country to introduce a 24x7 video channel under the banner of RC Studio. This launch on JioTV not only extends the reach of Radio City but also provides advertisers with limitless opportunities to engage with a nationwide audience.

Through this association, Radio City will be able to reach out to JioTV's massive audience base across the country.

Ashit Kukian, CEO of Radio City said, "The launch marks a historic point in our journey, reflecting our brand's evolution and commitment to 'Radigitalization'. Radio City has always been a frontrunner when it comes to innovative concepts, and with this launch on JioTV, we are forging the future of entertainment by providing a platform that ignites excitement and engages viewers and brands alike in ways like never before."

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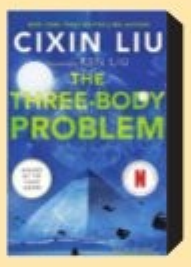
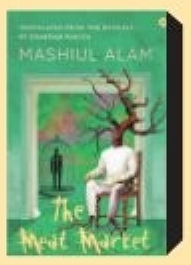


The Three-Body Problem

By Liu Cixin

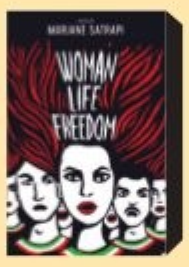
Story revolves around a secret military project making its first contact with an alien civilisation. As Earth makes contact, humanity is divided between welcoming and resisting the potential invasion, revealing profound philosophical and existential dilemmas about survival and progress.



The Meat Market: Ten Stories and a Novella

By Mashiul Alam

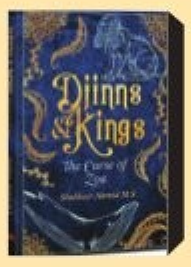
With themes of poverty, corruption, and human resilience, the narratives confront the struggles of individuals striving for dignity amid a relentless adversity in Bangladesh.



Woman, Life, Freedom

By Marjane Satrapi

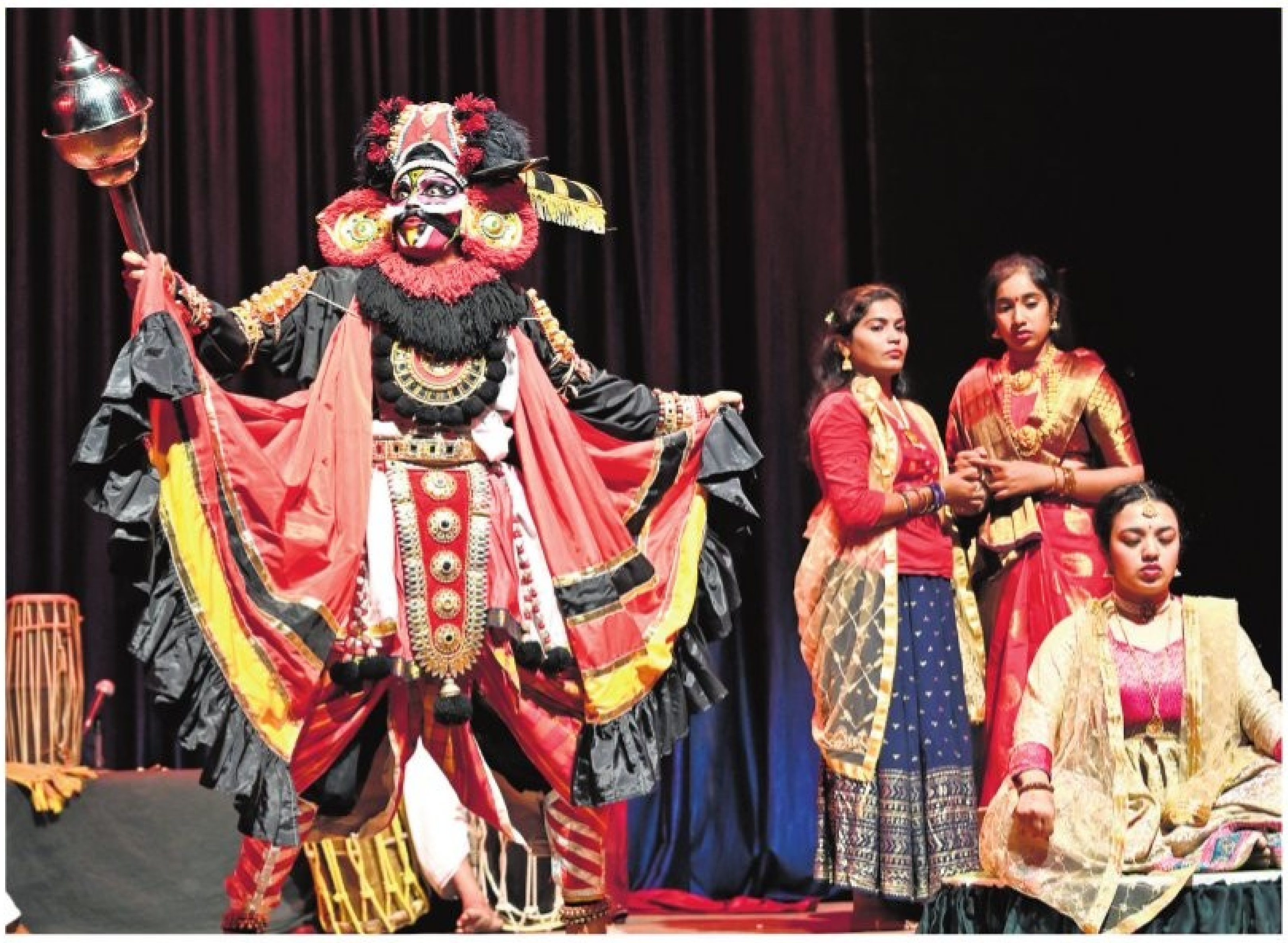
Through graphic storytelling, the author portrays the struggles and triumphs of Iranian women against oppressive regimes. Her artwork and narrative capture the spirit of defiance and the ongoing fight for gender equality and human rights in Iran.



Djinns & Kings – The Curse Of Zoa

By Shabbeer Ahmed MS

The novel is set in an ancient, mystical world where powerful djinns and kings vie for supremacy. Witnessing their city, Afra-zun, in ruins, the djinns are stuck in strife. As an unlikely protagonist, Rhuzbeh must travel through the djinn and human realms in an effort to bring the city back.



DIVINE DRAMA

Yakshagana artistes from Dheem Gina Kalakendra stage the play *Parivrajaka Prana Pratishta Prahasana* at Ravindra Kalakshetra | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

YOGURT SMOOTHIE

INGREDIENTS

- **Plain yogurt:** 3/4 cup
- **Berry juice:** 1/2 cup
- **Fruits like banana, blueberries, and pineapple:** 1.5 cups

METHOD

- Add yogurt and mango juice to a blender, and blend until smooth.
- Add the fruits and continue to puree until smooth.
- Pour the smoothie into a chilled glass.
- Garnish it with cubed fruits.

Contributed by **Anish Kurian**, Kochi

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Thrilling Water Adventures

Escape the heat and enjoy an exhilarating day at this amusement park. With over 60 rides, prepare for endless fun and excitement, guaranteed to boost your spirits!

WHEN: May 7, 11am **WHERE:** Wonderla Amusement Park, Mysore Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Clay Romance

Enjoy a romantic evening mastering the art of pottery with your partner. This intimate workshop offers hands-on experiences in hand-building and wheel-throwing, guided by expert potters. **WHEN:** May 7, 6pm **WHERE:** Wheel and Potter Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Dive Into Creativity

At this beach resin workshop, learn how to craft beautiful resin artworks, inspired by the soothing hues of teal and serene blues, mimicking a peaceful beachscape.

WHEN: May 7, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Unleash Your Inner Star

Ever wanted to showcase your inner shower singer to the world? This Karaoke Night is your chance to sing your heart out in a supportive environment filled with fellow music enthusiasts.

WHEN: May 8, 7pm

WHERE: Hard Rock Cafe, St Marks Road

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Boardgaming Weekends

Join for a fun-filled board game session this weekend! Whether you're a seasoned player or new to games, an evening of strategy, laughter, and community bonding awaits.

WHEN: May 10, 7pm
WHERE: HODA Workspace, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Dance and Unwind

Ladies, it's time to unwind and have fun! Join us for a lively Ladies Night featuring electrifying live music and DJ performances. Perfect for a girls' night out or a relaxing evening. **WHEN:** May 8, 7pm **WHERE:** Toy Boy, Magadi Main Road **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Theatre Time

Experience the gripping drama of *Innocence*, a theatrical response to Franz Kafka's *The Trial*. Journey with K as he battles the absurdity of a relentless legal system, fighting to prove his innocence amidst unrelenting accusations.

WHEN: May 10, 7pm
WHERE: Max Mueller Bhavan, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

DEAR LIFE

Preeti Shenoy
Insta: @preeti.shenoy

Novelist, Illustrator, Speaker

I am a remotely-working married woman staying in a joint family. The family environment is becoming toxic day by day. What should I do about it?

ASK AN XPERT

In Indian culture, most of us have been raised to respect our elders, and it's ingrained in us to do everything they ask of us. We need to remind ourselves that disagreement does not mean disrespect. You need to tell them that your job is very important to you and that it's impossible to fulfil her expectations. She might get upset, but be firm about it. Tell them that you will begin to work in a co-working space if this continues. Ensure that you speak politely and do not let your irritation show. Tell your husband beforehand, so he is not caught in the battle between his wife and mother. Speak to your in-laws well and get them little gifts to show you care about them. Since you are working, do you think you can hire a housekeeper and delegate your chores? You deserve your time, space, and peace of mind.

Send in your queries to askpreetishenoy@gmail.com

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FITBIT

UTTHITA TADASANA BACKBEND

(EXTENDED MOUNTAIN POSE WITH BACKBEND)

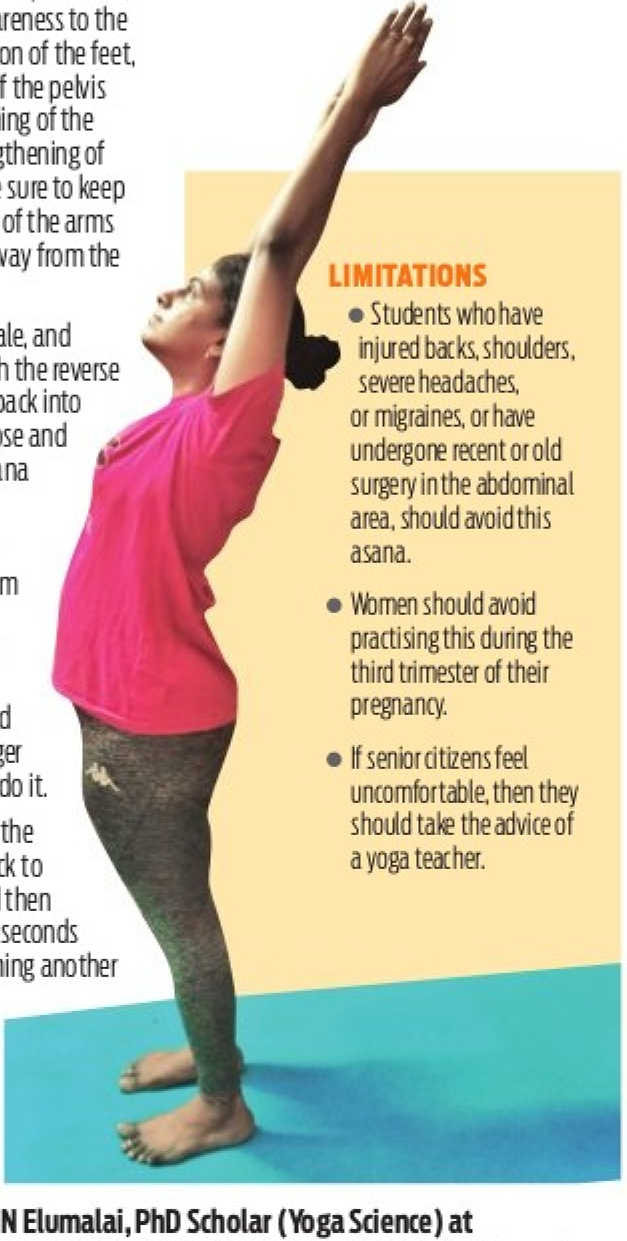
This beginner-level standing pose with backbend is more intense than Utthita Hastasana (Volcano Pose). This variation stretches the chest, rib cage, shoulders, upper abdomen, arms, and neck. The back is curved like a bow, whereas the palms are open, facing each other and the fingers are spread apart. This pose is a heart opener, and hence the breath during the pose is slow but long and deep.

STEPS

- Place your feet hip-distance apart on your mat in Tadasana (Mountain Pose).
- Tuck your pelvis and stomach in, while broadening your chest.
- As you inhale, slowly raise your arms above.
- While doing this, ensure that the knees are kept straight and the ears are near the biceps.
- Keep your palms open and your fingers spread apart, facing each other.
- Now, get into Tadasana Urdhva Hastasana (Volcano Pose).
- From this pose, start pulling your body upwards and towards the back, like you are creating a 150-degree angle.
- You can go as far as you feel comfortable, and then hold the pose for at least 6-8 seconds.
- While holding the pose here, bring your awareness to the grounding action of the feet, lifting action of the pelvis and hips, opening of the chest, and lengthening of the neck. Make sure to keep the alignment of the arms parallel and away from the ears.
- To release, exhale, and come back with the reverse steps, i.e., get back into the Volcano Pose and then to Tadasana while slowly breathing out.
- To get maximum benefits from the pose, keep repeating the same steps and try to stay longer each time you do it.
- Finally, release the pose, come back to Tadasana, and then relax for a few seconds before performing another pose.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the sides of the body, spinal column, shoulders, arms, and core (abs).
- Strengthens and tones the biceps, triceps, belly, back, pelvis area, thighs, knees, and ankles.
- Increases the flexibility of the body for doing the next-level poses and flows.
- Aids in developing a healthy immune system.
- Helps to activate the Mooladhara (root) and Svadhisthana (sacral) Chakras.
- Activates the Ajna (third eye) Chakra and allows one to have a visionary perspective.
- Regular practise helps sustain positive energy and, hence, develop an emotional balance.
- Increases the efficiency of the respiratory system.
- Activates the spinal cord and enables the electric waves to effectively reach the brain.
- Helps improve the central nervous system.
- This pose energises the body with deep breathing.



LIMITATIONS

- Students who have injured backs, shoulders, severe headaches, or migraines, or have undergone recent or old surgery in the abdominal area, should avoid this asana.
- Women should avoid practising this during the third trimester of their pregnancy.
- If senior citizens feel uncomfortable, then they should take the advice of a yoga teacher.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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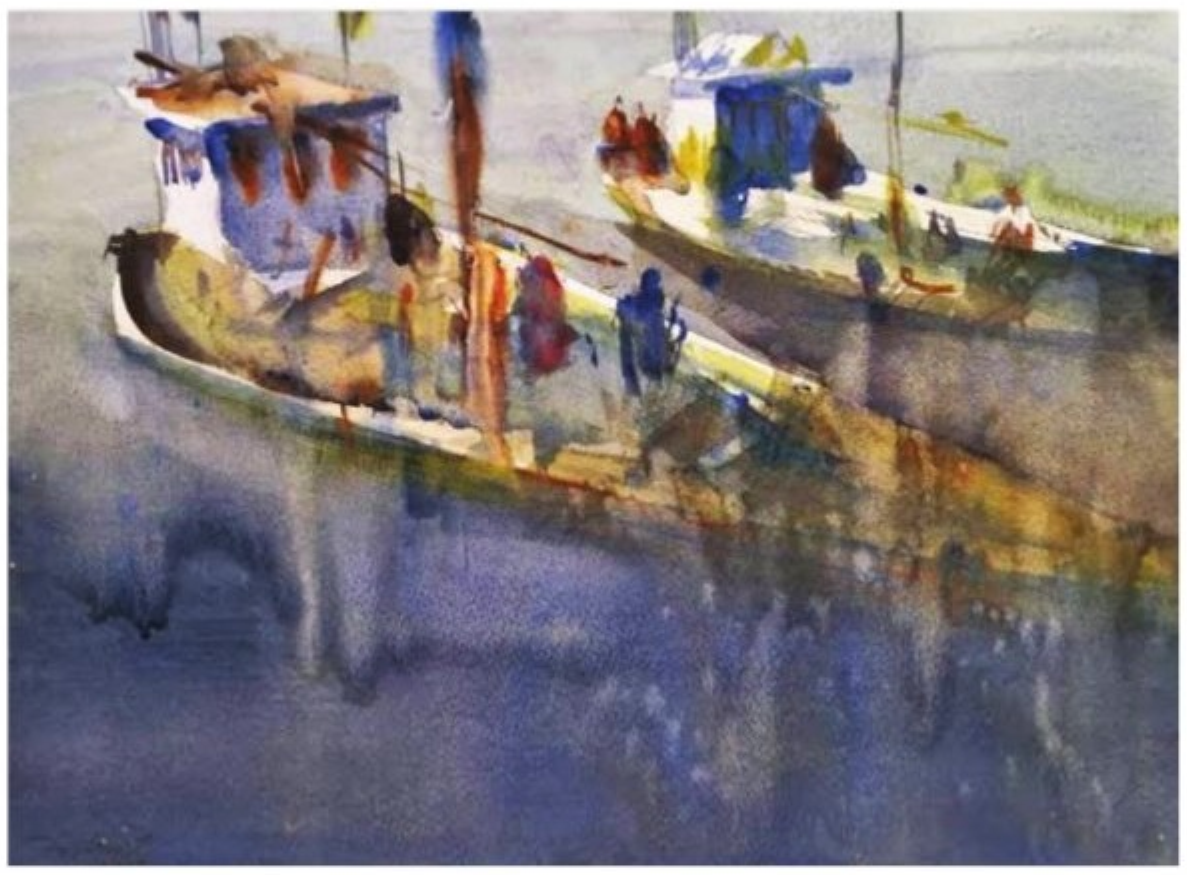

THE FALL OF RAIN

Artist Paresh Thukral's aim is to work in layers to create a visual treat for the viewers, as showcased in this watercolour on paper artwork

POP! WHY DID OUR MUSIC STOP?

OPEN SPACE
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THE school bell goes ding-a-ling…! It's a typical '90s after-school scene, with boys and girls in their uniforms jostling towards the outstretched arms of their parents, who are eagerly waiting on campus. I reach out to my father, and we both walk to the car as I regale him with my day's tidings. In the automobile, the AC is on, and our talk ceases. There is another familiar much-loved tune coming from the car's music system, popularly called a deck. There is a cassette inside, playing out Alisha Chinai's *Made in India*, a classic that mesmerised music lovers of all ages in 1994.

Through the 1980s and '90s, a new music revolution was taking shape in the Indian subcontinent, captained by a hearty talented bunch of independent musicians, who pushed the envelope of creating music that was a mix of beats and composition, stunning visuals, and lyrics that read straight from the heart. Bollywood reigned supreme, and the '80s disco music scene of the Hindi film industry, and the advent of cable TV, inspired music for the then modern Indian, and the genre of 'Indian pop' or 'Indi-pop' was born.

Nazia Hassan, with her sublime voice and a singing style unique to the '80s, enthralled audiences. This paved the way for experimentation, and Indians were overjoyed. In the 1990s, cable networks began to crisscross Indian neighbourhoods, shrinking our vast world through the favourite 'idiot box' in the living room. All things beautiful, including music, began to beam on TV, and India was swayed. This was an age that preceded the advent of the home computer, the internet, YouTube, the smartphone, and Spotify. The launch of dedicated music TV channels – MTV and Channel [V] – brought Western pop music in its video format into Indian homes, paving the way for Indi-pop to mark its place. Indians had always tuned into the legendary *Binaca Geetmala with Ameen Sayani* on Radio Ceylon and Vividh Bharati, at 8pm each Wednesday for over four decades, and then watched *Chitrahaar*, another memorable Bollywood film song show on DD National.

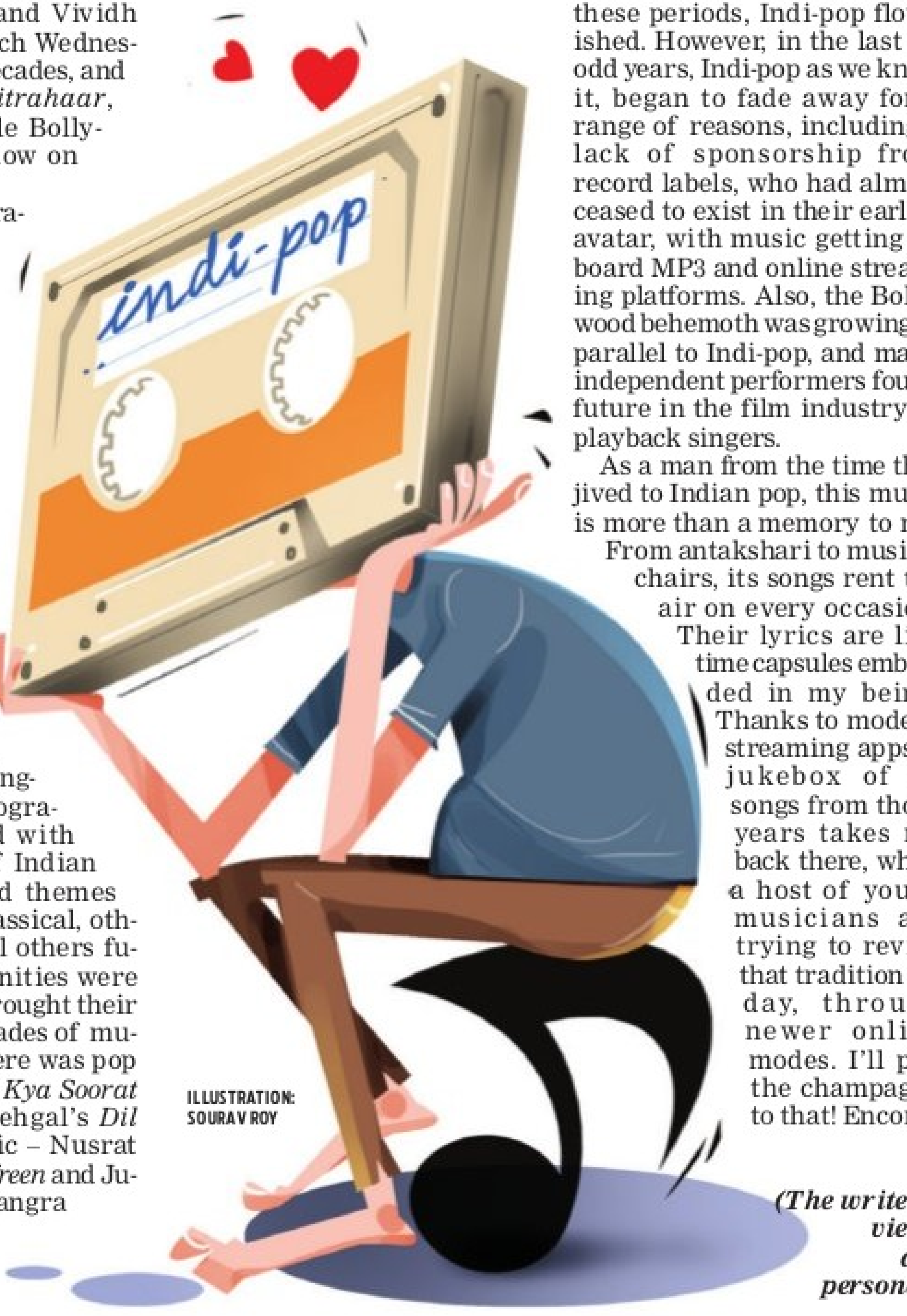
Succeeding generations seamlessly transitioned to the countdown shows on the cable music channels, where Indi-pop became a rage from the late '80s onwards. Hasan Jahangir's *Hawa Hawa* and Suneeta Rao's *Paree Hoon Main* were hit numbers. Indi-pop welcomes an amalgamation of singers from across geographies, who played with different genres of Indian music, voices, and themes (some were into classical, others folk, while still others fusion – the opportunities were endless). Singers brought their best talents and shades of music to the stage; there was pop – Bombay Vikings' *Kya Soorat Hai*; rap – Baba Sehgal's *Dil Dhadke*; Sufi music – Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's *Afreen* and Junoon's *Sayonee*; Bhangra – the iconic Daler Mehendi and Bally Sagoo; and even Carnatic music – Colonial Cousins, headlined by the magical Hariharan and Leslee Lewis.

Above all, were the spectacular music videos made for television, which did full justice to the Indi-pop renditions they accompanied. The videos shot at stunning locations, were embellished with captivating choreography. The dancing sand dunes, with the Pyramids of Giza as the backdrop, was picture perfect to the already poetic *O Sanam* by Lucky Ali. The smooth *Ho Gayi Hai Mohabbat Tumse* by Aslam was romantic and trendy at the same time, while *Dooba Dooba* by Silk Route helped one drown their sorrows as the song played. *Euphoria* was indeed euphoric, while Altaf Raja's *Tum To Thehre Pardesi* carved a lovable niche for itself.

As the decade blended into the new millennium, more artistes joined the Indi-pop ensemble, from the groovy Bombay Rockers, the suave Rabbi Shergill, the baritone of Strings' frontman Faisal Kapadia, to Egyptian Hisham Abbas with his *Nari Narain*. There was music for everyone, with DJs and remixes. This was the era of the music store. There was a Music World or Planet M, alongside a host of standalone outlets, across Bengaluru. I often visited one such music wonderland to pick audio cassettes, to either play in my tape recorder or Walkman. Cassettes made way for CDs, even as the face of FM radio changed. In all these periods, Indi-pop flourished. However, in the last 15-odd years, Indi-pop as we knew it, began to fade away for a range of reasons, including a lack of sponsorship from record labels, who had almost ceased to exist in their earlier avatar, with music getting on board MP3 and online streaming platforms. Also, the Bollywood behemoth was growing in parallel to Indi-pop, and many independent performers found future in the film industry as playback singers.

As a man from the time that jived to Indian pop, this music is more than a memory to me. From antakshari to musical chairs, its songs rent the air on every occasion. Their lyrics are like time capsules embedded in my being. Thanks to modern streaming apps, a jukebox of 50 songs from those years takes me back there, while a host of young musicians are trying to revive that tradition today, through newer online modes. I'll pop the champagne to that! Encore!

(The writer's views are personal)



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(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

Democracy in love

IT is election season in India, and democracy is the divinity that is worshiped at this time, no matter what other wishes get expressed in different quarters. Some long for a benign, benevolent and beloved dictator who will at last bring India to the glory India deserves by herding all the diverse groups and interests of the billion people here. In other quarters, wishes for an elite, educated group reminiscent of a Roman senate that rules over the plebeians can be heard, ostensibly to save India from the errors of judgment that an uneducated, illiterate, irreverent mass of people might make for everyone as a whole. Others wish for a god incarnate to come back to whom everyone submits.

Whatever the wishes of individuals, it is democracy we have and cherish, and yet it is often not a principle we implement at all in our private lives, and certainly not much when we look at love and relationships. There are few institutions that are so undemocratic as a family.

Remember Calvin going to a parent with opinion polls and suggestions on what it would take to win the elections again and be a parent for another term? The reformist ideals of that child gets quickly crushed with the 'elected for life' comment by the parent in question, and there's nothing poor Calvin can do other than talk to the eternally amused but suffering Hobbes on strategies to assert their rights.

What would it mean to have a democracy in loving relationships? Even when there are just two adults in a relationship, it is hard to be democratic. Sometimes it is harder than when there are multiple people just because there's no tie-breaker between two people in a relationship when they differ in terms of what they are considering – no matter if it is a simple thing like what that eat for dinner, or what show they watch. Unopposed elections are rarer in relationships than the once in twelve years occurrence that we see in Indian politics. We are more likely to just see different levels of compromises, negotiations, surrender or something else that keeps the wheels moving.

The interesting thing is that just like democracy in the real world, where it matters more whether voices are heard rather than who wins, even in relationships, it is really being able to feel that you have a voice, and that the voice is heard and attended to, and that even if the popular vote goes a different way, the idea that your voice has some power and will be respected – that seems to be the key. We are ok with someone else winning this time – we just work on making our voices and opinions heard more and more clearly so that the next time around, we are more likely to win.

If the voice is silent too long or silenced too harshly, then trouble brews very quickly. That's the same in love and relationships. It is not that we need an actual democracy in our relationships, but the idea of democracy – that our voices matter.

(The writer's views are personal)

NUGGETS

NITTE MEENAKSHI INSTITUTE OF TECHNO

Annual national-level techno-cultural fest held

Anaadyanta 2024, the annual national-level techno-cultural fest of Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, was inaugurated on May 3 by B Dayananda, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City. The fest serves as a showcase for the technical and artistic talents of thousands of students from across India. The fest features a variety of technical competitions, including Quantumania, Code Wars, and Ideathon 5.0, along with cultural events like street plays, dance performances, and more.

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **(OLD NAME) SWAPNA L K**, spouse of NO 15333312F NK LAXMAN, Residing at Pamaladinni (vill & post), Gokak (TQ), Belagavi (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591306, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SWAPNA LAXMAN KHEMALAPURE,** Vide Affidavit Dated 04.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO JC- 314275X NB/SUB ANEESH KUMAR.V.K, Residing at Aji Bhavanam, Ambalathum Bhagom (Post), Poruvazhy, Kollam (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN:690520 Have Changed My Daughter Name **(OLD NAME) KANNAKI.A.K** to **(NEW NAME) KANNAKI ANEESH KUMAR,** Vide Affidavit Dated 25.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO 15333312F NK LAXMAN, Residing at Pamaladinni (vill & post), Gokak (TQ), Belagavi (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591306, Have Changed My Name Self **(OLD NAME) LAXMAN** to **(NEW NAME) LAXMAN TAVANAPPA KHEMALAPURE** Vide Affidavit Dated 04.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) REMA DEVI,** Spouse of NO. JC- 311879L SUB MAJ RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI B, Residing at Puthupurakkal, Thulamparamu North, Haripad (ZVill), Mannarasala (Post), Alappuzha (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 690550, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) REMA DEVI R,** Vide Affidavit Dated 02.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Ningegowda,** S/o Krishnappa, aged about 42 year residing at No.471, Andrahalli Main road, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560091, I have changed my daughter name **LAKSHMI.N to VEENA.N** vide affidavit dated 03.05.2024 before Notary **N.Nagappa**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sreelekha Kopparambil,** daughter of sri Govindan Kutty Kuzhipat, aged about 50 years residing at F204, Nandi Woods, Nobel Residency, Bengaluru 560076 I hereby declare that my name is mentioned as **Sreelekha k, Sreelekha Kopparambil, Sreelekha premjet** and **Sreelekha premjit** in various documents, including bank accounts held at Federal Bank kotak Mahindra Bank, Axis Bank, and SBI Bank. I submit that all names belong to me. Vide affidavit dated 2.5.2024 before Notary **B.N Srinivasa Rao**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MUNEER H R** (New Name), S/o Abdul Rasheed H K, residing at No. 105, Anekal Main Road, Near Jamiya Masidi, Harohalli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar-562112, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from **ABDUL MUNEER** (Old Name) to **MUNEER H R** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called **MUNEER H R** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 06/05/2024, before Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN.K,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **FARKHUNDA** (New Name), W/o Muneer H R, residing at No. 105, Anekal Main Road, Near Jamiya Masidi, Harohalli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar-562112, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from **FARKUNDA BANU** (Old Name) to **FARKHUNDA** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called **FARKHUNDA** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 06/05/2024, before Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN.K,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAHERA BEGAM** (New Name), W/o. Atiulla, residing at No. 65, Janatha Colony, Harohalli 1st Division, Harohalli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar-562112, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from **SAHEERA BEGUM** (Old Name) to **SAHERA BEGAM** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called **SAHERA BEGAM** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 06/05/2024, before Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN.K,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JAYATHIRTHY COIMBATORE RAMAMURTHY** R/at No. 877/11, 9th A Main, 8th Cross, Srinagar, Bengaluru- 560050 have changed my name to **JAYATHIRTHA COIMBATORE RAMAMURTHY** vide affidavit dated: 6/5/2024 Before Notary **C. Srinivas** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANJULA SURESH SHASTRY** or **SHASTRI MANJULA SURESH** D/o. Chandrashekhar, W/o. SURESH .H.N, date of Birth: 02.06.1970, residing at No.77, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, MEI Colony, Pheenya 3rd Phase, Near Manjunatha Park, Laggare, Bangalore - 560058, have changed my name to **MANJULA C** for all purposes, Notary affidavit, dated 06/05/2024.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JONATHAN SANTHARAMSUBBU** R/at Flat No D5 2nd floor site No 8 Manjunatha Nilaya Immadihalli Main road Whitefield Bengaluru -560066 have changed my name to **JONATHAN** vide affidavit dated: 6/5/2024 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAGARAJ SHASTRY HOLALI** S/o. YOGAPPA, Date of Birth: 02-07-1938. Residing at No.01, 1ST 'B' CROSS, GOKULA EXTENSION, DEVASANDRA, BANGALORE - 560036, have changed my name to **NAGARAJ .H .Y** for all purposes, Notary affidavit, dated 04-05-2024.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMED NADEEM UDDIN SHARIFF** S/o **Mohammed Sirajjuddin Shariff** R/at No.385, 4th Cross North East N R Mohalla Mysore-570007 have changed my name to **MOHAMMED NADEEM UDDIEN SHARIFF** vide affidavit dated: 6/5/2024 Before Notary **R.Basavaraja** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NEHA ISRAR** W/o **Shakeeb Ur Rahaman** R/at No.96, Devanur 1st Stage Opposite to Water Tank Rajiv Nagar, Mysore- 570019 have changed my name to **NEHA SHAKEEB** vide affidavit dated: 6/5/2024 Before Notary **R. Basavaraja** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHIRAZ AMAN SHARIFF** R/at Prestige Royal Gardens No: 1056, T-1, Wing -2 , Doddaballapur Main Road Bengaluru- 560064 have changed my minor child name from **IZYAN AMAN SHARIFF** to **REHAN AMAN SHARIFF** vide affidavit dated: 6/5/2024 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VISWANATH MUGANAYAKANAKOTE SIDDAPPA** R/at Flat No.81/S-6 Aashiyana Apartment, 33rd Main Road, 5th Cross, TMCS Layout, I P Nagar, 1st Phase, Bengaluru- 560078 have changed my name to **VISHWANATH MUGANAYAKANAKOTE SIDDAPPA** vide affidavit dated: 6/5/2024 Before Notary **C. Srinivas** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LIKITH HARISH JAIN,** S/o Harish Kanthilal Jain, Resident of No. 354, 33rd Cross, 16th Main Road, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LIKITH JAIN** to **LIKITH HARISH JAIN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **LIKITH HARISH JAIN,** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 4/5/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSIAN .K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **TEJASWINI SOMAYAJI,** D/o S. Raju, aged about 46 years, Residing at No. 116, 16th Cross, 6th Main, NN Farms, AECS Layout, RMV II Stage, Bangalore-560094, I have changed my minor Son's name from **DHRUV DEVOTTAM SHASTRY** to **DHRUV DEVOTTAM** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 3/5/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **SUMITHRA .N** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **TEJASWINI SOMAYAJI,** D/o S. Raju, aged about 46 years, Residing at No. 116, 16th Cross, 6th Main, NN Farms, AECS Layout, RMV II Stage, Bangalore-560094, I have changed my minor Daughter's name from **DHANYA PRAVEEN SHASTRY** to **DHANYA GAURI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 3/5/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **SUMITHRA .N** at Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT

I, **LAKSHMAMMA,** W/o late T.V. Ashok Kumar, aged about 58 years, residing at No. 14, 7th cross, K.K. lane, Behind Shanthala Silk house, Cottonpet, Bangalore-560053, this is to inform that my name **LAKSHMAMMA** as per Pan card and Aadhar, But it is Mentioned as **LAKSHMI** in the property documents. That **LAKSHMAMMA** and **LAKSHMI** both the names belongs to me only, vide Affidavit dated 19/04/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. VISHWANATH** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **A. RAJ KUMAR,** S/o late T.V. Ashok Kumar, aged about 41 years, residing at No. 14, 7th cross, K.K. lane, Behind Shanthala Silk house, Cottonpet, Bangalore-560053, this is to inform that my name **A. RAJ KUMAR,** as per Pan card and Aadhar, But it is Mentioned as **A. RAJU** in the property documents. That **A. RAJ KUMAR,** and **A. RAJU** both the names belongs to me only, vide Affidavit dated 19/04/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. VISHWANATH** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **A. DEEPAK KUMAR,** S/o late T.V. Ashok Kumar, aged about 37 years, residing at No. 14, 7th cross, K.K. lane, Behind Shanthala Silk house, Cottonpet, Bangalore-560053, this is to inform that my name **A. DEEPAK KUMAR,** as per Pan card and Aadhar, But it is Mentioned as **A. DEEPAK** in the property documents. That **A. DEEPAK KUMAR,** and **A. DEEPAK** both the names belongs to me only, vide Affidavit dated 19/04/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. VISHWANATH** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

We, **SANDESH V BHANDARY,** S/o K. Vittal Bhandary, aged about 39 years and Smt. Rashmi .H.B, W/o Sandesh V. Bhandary, aged about 39 years, both are R/o No. 658, 3rd Cross, I Block, Ramakrishna Nagara, Mysuru-570022, do hereby solemnly affirm **RISHAAN'S** to **RISHAAN NAGASURYA .S** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25/2/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **A. PRABHAKAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANURADHA,** W/o Jagannadham, aged 50 years, M/o. Service No. 14880360Y, Rank: Sep.Mt, LAVETI RAMESH, R/O. ASC South Center, 4TB, Bangalore- 560007, have changed my name from **ANURADHA** to **LAVETI ANURADHA** vide Affidavit dated: 6/5/2024 before Notary **GANGARAJU. B.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M. SUDEEP,** aged 42 years, S/o.K.Maruthy, R/o.112, BSA Road, Opp. Madduramma Temple, Frazer Town, Bangalore 560005, have changed my name from a **M. SUDEEP** to **M. SUDEEP GHODKE** vide Affidavit dated. 6/5/2024 before Notary **SHIVAKUMARA. M. N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ITISHREE PRIYADARSINEE PRADHAN,** D/o Late UPENDRA PRADHAN, R/at # Rajas Khorda, Odisha, Pin-752114. Now camped at Bengaluru, have changed my Name to **PRIYADARSINEE PRADHAN.** vide AffidavitDated: 06/05/2024 Before NOTARY **SIVAKUMARA .M. N.** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MESAR,** Mother of No.17016887N Hav/Clk (SD) Mukesh Kumar of 515 Army Base Workshop, Bangalore 560008 permanent resident of Village Mehariya, Post : Sherda, Tehsil: Bhadra, District : Hanumangarh, State : Rajasthan - 335503 have changed my name from **PARMESHARI DEVI** to **MESAR** Before Notary Public **A.R. MUNEER AHMED** Bangalore dated 19.02.2024

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAMYA REVANTH RAMYA** residing at No. 1188/1, Near Royal School, Ramaiah Garden, Kadugodi Plantation, Bengaluru-560067, have changed my name from **UNNIKRISHNAN RAMYADEVI** to **RAMYA REVANTH RAMYA** vide affidavit dated 06-05-2024, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Devaraja .E, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SINDHURA S C** (Old Name) W/o Chetan Kramadhari, residing at No.17 Thulasipriya, 8th B Cross, Sri Chakra Nagara, Andrahalli, Bengaluru-560091, have changed my name to **SINDHURA KRAMADHARI** vide affidavit dated: 06.05.2024 before advocate and notary R. Vishnuvardhan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED MULTAZAM SHAIK,** S/o. **MOHAMED USMAN,** resident of NO.159, TIPPU NAGAR, CHAMRAJPET, MYSORE ROAD, BENGALURU-560018, have changed my name to **MOHAMMED MULTAZAM** vide affidavit dated: 06.05.2024 before advocate and notary M.K. Devaki, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Arati Mathad w/o of Umesh V Hiremath residing at Flat no B2-605, BDA Apartment, Malagala, Bangalore 560072 I do here by declare that my name changed from **Arati Mathad** (old name) to **Arati Umesh Hiremath** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 6/5/24 sworn to before the K R Jagadish BA LLB, Notary Public, Government of India, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAMSON JAYAKUMAR MANI, Aged about 44 years, S/o. Balram Venkatesh Mani, residing at No G3 Shree Apartments 2nd Main 3rd Cross Jalahalli, Bahubali Nagar, Bengaluru, 560013, Karnataka, I have changed my name from **SAMSON JAYAKUMAR to SAMSON JAYAKUMAR MANI** vide affidavit dated: 04.05.2024 before advocate and notary Uday Kumar .K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K. SRINIVASULA REDDY** S/o Devanna, and Resident of No.1-54, OC Colony, Kalugodi, Gummagatta, Ananthapuram District, Andhra Pradesh-515863, today at Bangalore, have changed my name from **RAVI KUMAR. P** to **K. SRINIVASULA REDDY,** vide affidavit dated 4/5/2024 sworn to before V.Rajashekhara advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BASAPPA SIDRAM DOLLINAVAR,** S/o. Sidram Basappa Dollinavar permanent residing at No 74, Bajar Galli, Kakkeri Belgaum Karnataka 591106 and Currently residing Jai Jawan Nagar Banaswadi M.S Nagar Post Bangalore 560 033, I have changed my name from **BASAPPA** to **BASAPPA SIDRAM DOLLINAVAR** vide affidavit dated 06-05-2024 sworn to before notary Uday Kumar .K, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

We, Mr. **SHASHANK MEHTA,** Aged about 31 years and Mrs. **SWATHI SHASHANK MEHTA**, Aged about 31 years, W/o. SHASHANK MEHTA, Both are at present Residing at No. 512/2, 7th Main, 4th A Cross, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 104, do hereby declare that we have changed our son's name from **VISHANK MEHTA** to **VEER MEHTA** vide affidavit dated 30.04.2024 sworn to before Deepa .M, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DARSHAN VISHWANATH ADAKANE** (New Name) previously called **ADAKANE DARSHAN, ADAKANE DARSHAN VISHWANATH, DARSHAN ADAKANE,** S/o. Vishwanath Adakane, residing at # 202, Prominent Vistara, Rajbhavi Cross, Varthur, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560 087. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name to **"DARSHAN VISHWANATH ADAKANE",** vide Affidavit dated 06.05.2024 Sworn before Advocate and Notary A.M. Rajasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shobha Kumari Yadav R/A No.228, Ground Floor, Chandragiri Cross Road, Kammanahalli Main Road, Kalyan Nagar Bangalore - 560084. I Have Changed My Name From **SHOBHA KUMARI YADAV** To **SHOBHA SHARMA.** Vide Affidavit Date: 06/05/2024 .Sworn Before Notary: T.C.Thimmaraja

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANITHA HARSHAVARDHAN** W/o Harshavardhan Gowda H, and Resident of No.50, Channasandra, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka-571428, today at Bangalore, have changed my name from **ANITHA** to **ANITHA HARSHAVARDHAN,** vide affidavit dated 4/5/2024 sworn to before V. Rajashekhara advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt. **CHANDRAKALA GR** W/o Late **THIMMEGOWDA** aged about 38 years, (Aadhaar No.9294 7158 0808) Residing at No.92, 13th Cross, Kuvempu Nagar, Ittamadu Main Road, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 085, hereby declare that my names **Chandrakala G R. D/o Rame Gowda Basve Gowda, Smt. Chandrakala GR w/o Thimmegowda and Smt. Pavitra w/o Thimmegowda,** belongs to me only, henceforth, I have decided to continue my name in future as Smt. **CHANDRAKALA GR W/o Late THIMMEGOWDA** vide affidavit dated 29-08-2023 sworn to before notary S.R. Karunakara, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SIRAJ AHMED** Aged about 52 years, Son of SYED ABDULLA Residing at No:9/1, 8TH Cross, 3rd Floor, Someshwaranagar, Jayanagar 1st Block, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru Karnataka- 560011, have changed my name from **SYED SIRAJ PASHA** to **SIRAJ AHMED,** vide affidavit dated 4/5/2024 sworn to before Mohammed Hussain. K advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PREMA POONACHA W/o POONACHA H.A,** aged about 61 years, having my address at # No. 11026, prestige Royale Gardens, Level-2, Tower-11, Doddaballapura Road, Avalahalli, Singanayakanahalli, Bangalore Karnataka:- 560064, I declare that **PREMA POONACHA AND PREMAVATHI** me "Both same name and person" for all the purposes and shall use the same to bring in effect on all the records before all the concerned authorities., vide affidavit dated 6/5/2024 sworn to before G.R. Ravichandra Reddy advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAIR RAKESH UKRAVINDRAN** S/o Ukravindran, aged about 40 years, R/at No.A-404 MJ, Azaliya Appts, Near Nottredam Academy, Choodasandra Main Road, Choodasandra, Bengaluru - 560 099, have changed my name from **NAIR RAKESH** (old name) to **NAIR RAKESH UKRAVINDRAN** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 02-05-2024 sworn before Notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

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‘*Ramana Avatara* is not a modern take of *Ramayana*, but the characters have comparisons’

Rishi

CE FEATURES

THE upcoming entertainer *Ramana Avatara*, which marks the maiden directorial venture of Vikas Pampathi, is finally all set to hit theatres this week after being in production for some time now. The film features Rishi in the lead along with Anirudh Acharya, Arun Sagar, Pranitha Subhash, and Shubra Aiyappa playing supporting roles. Music composer Judah Sandy has composed five songs for the film, which will feature cinematography by Vishnu Prasad.

Recently, the makers unveiled the trailer which revealed Rishi’s character Ramakrishna, a man determined to curb the departure of laborers from his hometown. “The film intertwines romance while also weaving in the suspenseful mystery. All this is balanced with light-hearted situational comedy,” says Vikas, who previously worked as assistant director with Suni for over 3 years.

The title, *Ramana Avatara*, draws inspiration from mythology, and director Vikas promises it holds surprising contemporary relevance. “In many ways, people face their own version of *Ramayana*, everyday. The film explores the universal idea that within each person lies the potential for extraordinary action. Inspired by the Hindu god Rama, *Ramana Avatara* follows the protagonist as he rises to the occasion, his choices shaping the course of his journey.”

On how he conceived it, Vikas says his intention was to bring out a clean entertainer, that was not just somber, but also delivers a message in a unique way. “*Ramayana* has different expressions, and has a different meaning to each one’s life,” says Vikas, adding, “*Ramana Avatara* draws inspiration from the *Ramayana*, but it’s not a direct retelling. The film subtly incorporates characters reminiscent of the *Ramayana*. We see a Sita-like figure who embodies understanding and a supportive brother mirroring Lakshmana. The everyday struggles faced by the protagonist can be seen as representing the ever-present challenges symbolised by Ravana. It is not a modern take on *Ramayana*, but the characters have comparisons,” he adds.

Rishi and Vikas Pampathi

…says debutant director Vikas Pampathi, as he discusses his upcoming film starring Rishi, Pranitha Subhash, and Shubra Aiyappa

Ramana Avatar’s bumper offer: Discounted tickets

The team behind *Ramana Avatar* has a special treat for the audience. They’ve significantly reduced the ticket price to just ₹99, applicable at both single screens and multiplexes. Moreover, they’re planning for a premiere show on May 9 before the official release, with tickets for the paid premiere show also set at ₹99.

Rachana Inder’s *4N6* set to release this week

CE FEATURES

RACHANA Inder, known for her performances in *Love Mocktail* and *Love 360*, gears up for her next, titled *4N6*, directed by debutant Darshan Srinivas. Often seen in romantic drama films, the actor is set to be seen in a different avatar – that of a forensic investigator – in *4N6*. Bhavani Prakash will feature as an investigative officer in the upcoming film. Filmed around Bengaluru for over 30 days, the film has received a U/A certificate and is set to release on May 10.

In the recently-released trailer, Rachana and Bhavani collaborate to solve a string of carefully planned murders, where evidence is deliberately manipulated. The story revolves around their efforts to unravel the case despite facing a cunning adversary. The title, indicating the number of deaths, hints at a narrative focused on investigation and forensic analysis. Alongside Rachana and Bhavani, the film also features Aadhya Shekar, Saurav Prashanth, Naveen Kumar, Arjun, and R Nixon.

The film has cinematography by Charan Tej, dialogues by Satyaka, and music by Sai Somesh.

Rachana Inder

DHANANJAY
FLAUNTS A RURAL AVATAR FOR *ANNA FROM MEXICO*

A SHARADHAA

The actor has kicked-off shooting for this family entertainer-packed actioner, helmed by Badava Rascal director Shankar Guru

DHANANJAY, a busy actor juggling multiple projects, is currently leading two major Kannada films. On the one hand, Daali is working on Rohit Padaki’s *Uttarakaanda*, which has completed a schedule, while on the other, he has begun filming for Shankar Guru’s *Anna From Mexico*. The film has silently gone on floors and has kicked off with intense fight sequences choreographed by Vinod. Director Shankar Guru reveals that they are filming crucial fight scenes currently, which will be followed by talkie portions, which are scheduled to begin from May 13.

The motion poster, unveiled during the project announcement, showcased Dhananjay adorned with gold chains and a locket featuring the Karnataka flag, which hints that *Anna From Mexico* will be a rooted film. The recent on-set picture of the actor sees him in a local attire, sporting a white shirt and dhoti, flaunting a rural avatar, adding freshness to his character in the family-friendly, action-packed entertainer.

Anna From Mexico marks the second collaboration between the actor and the director, who previously delivered the successful *Badava Rascal*. Joining Dhananjay are a few actors who worked with him in *Badava Rascal*, including Nagabhushan and Poorchandra Mysuru, with Rangayana Raghu joining the cast alongside a fresh set of newcomers.

While the makers are still searching for a female lead, the director has brought on board senior actor Umashree for a pivotal role. Known for her impactful performances, Umashree will be essaying the role of a grandmother in this film. Her previous collaboration with Dhananjay in *Rathnan Prapancha* proved to be a success. She is also set to feature in a significant role in *Uttarakaanda*, making *Anna From Mexico* her third project with Dhananjay.

Anna From Mexico, produced by Satya Rayala’s Rayala Studios in collaboration with Aaira Films, will have Vasuki Vaibhav composing the music, while SK Rao will serve as the cinematographer.

Apart from these two Kannada projects, Dhananjay has completed shooting for his bilingual film *Zebra* (Kannada and Telugu), which is gearing up for release, and also has *Kotee* in the pipeline. He will also be appearing in the highly anticipated *Pushpa 2 – The Rule*, starring Allu Arjun. As a producer, he is backing two projects - Nagabhushan’s *Vidyapati* and *JC – The University*, under the Daali Pictures banner.

Dhananjay

Ragini Dwivedi
to headline BM Giriraj’s psychological-thriller

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BM Giriraj

DIRECTOR BM Giriraj, known for films like *Jatta* and *Mythri*, is currently working on *Ramarasa*, bankrolled by Gurudeshpande’s G Cinemas. Meanwhile, the National Award-winning filmmaker is already gearing up for his next project. On Sunday, the makers announced that the film, a psychological thriller, will be headlined by Ragini Dwivedi. More details regarding the film’s cast, plot, and the first look poster are set to be revealed on the occasion of the actor’s birthday on May 24. Ramakrishna Nigade Hombana is producing the film, which will be supervised by Girish Gowda.

While the makers have announced the casting of Ragini Dwivedi, they are yet to finalise the other actors. Meanwhile, Rangaswamy, who has previously worked with Giriraj on corporate and commercial ads, will be making his debut as a cinematographer for this project.

Ragini Dwivedi

THE FAMILY MAN SEASON 3 STARTS FILMING

THE filming of Manoj Bajpayee’s *The Family Man Season 3* has commenced, the makers announced on Monday. The spy thriller show is directed by Raj Nidimoru and Krishna DK, who have written it with Suman Kumar. The Prime Video series stars Priyamani, Sharib Hashmi, Ashlesha Thakur, and Vedant Sinha in pivotal roles.

The first season of the series premiered in 2019 and told the story of a middle-class man named Srikant Tiwari, played by Manoj, who works for the special cell of the National Investigation Agency. While the first season followed Shrikant and others investigating a terror attack, the second season, which premiered in 2021, explored the military resistance of Tamilians from Sri Lanka. It ended with a glimpse into the potential conflict in season 3 set in North East India.

Meanwhile, Manoj Bajpayee will be seen next in *Bhaiyya Ji*, which marks the reunion of the *Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai* team, which includes director Apoorv Singh Karki and writer Deepak Kingrani. The film is all set to release in theatres on May 25.